



Courtney Niles Civilian, NBC International

Unit: With DET 5 American Forces Vietnam Network
Date of Birth: 3 October 1931
Home City of Record: Detroit, MI

Mr. Niles was killed in action (KIA) while
at AFVN Det 5, Hue on 5 February 1968

The following is from the old AFVN Geocities site (Bob Morecook).

Courtney Niles was a civilian working for NBC International when the fighting broke out at Hue during the Tet holiday of 1968. He was at AFVN Det 5, the Radio-TV station at the time. SFC Harry Ettmueller, who was also at the station at the time, writes that Courtney Niles ... "nailed one [enemy soldier] just as he was trying to sneak into the bunker area. Too bad his name is not the Wall, but he deserves to be recognized."

AFVN wishes to recognize Courtney Niles for his actions that day.

The following is from: <http://www.macoi.net/biographies.html>

Courtney Niles was born 3 October 1931 in Detroit, the son of Courtney Niles, Sr. and Elrose K. Niles. The family included Courtney's twin sister, three other sisters and a brother.

After serving ten years in the Army, Courtney joined NBC International as an engineer, and it was this job that took him to Vietnam, where he was to lose his life. Assigned to the AFVN station at Hue, he was on duty 2 February 1968 when the NVA attacked during the Tet Offensive. The station's personnel held off their attackers for three days, but on 5 February they were overrun. Mr. Niles, using a borrowed M16, fought with the intensity of the soldier he had once been, and was credited with killing several NVA. In the end, however, he was hit by small arms fire and died instantly. He was 36.

Mr. Niles was survived by his wife, Janice, daughters Kimberly and Lisa, son David, both his parents, his twin sister Constance, and by sisters Nadine, Nancy, Wendy, and brother Bruce.

