

# WILLIAM CHARLES DEFER

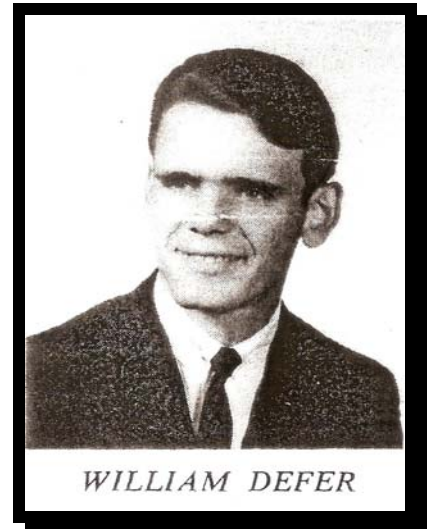
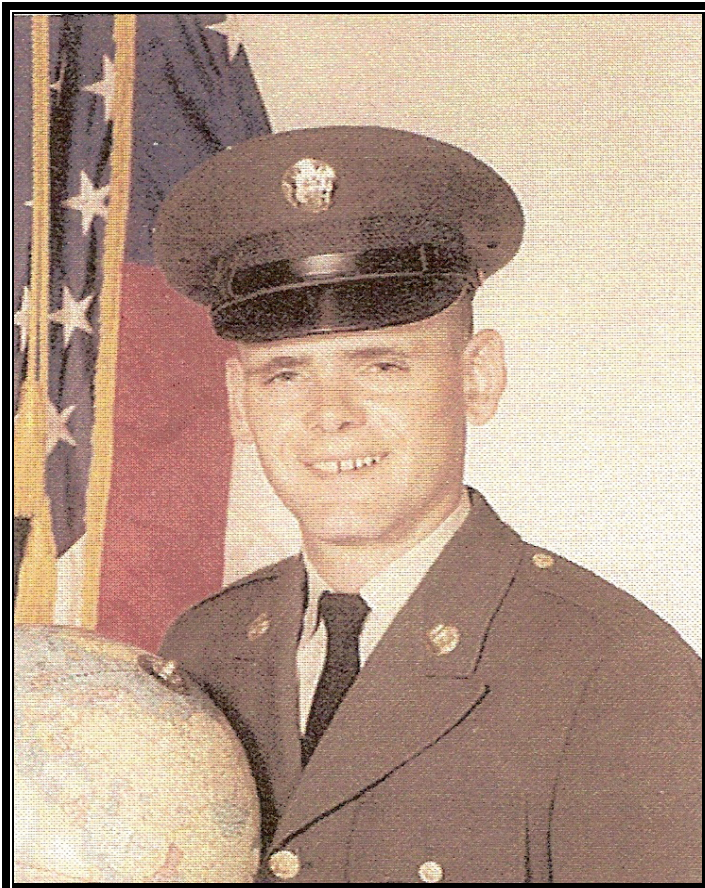
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PFC - E3 - Army - Selective Service  
1st Infantry Division  
20 year old Single, Caucasian, Male  
Born on Nov 13, 1948  
From MT CLEMENS, MICHIGAN  
His tour of duty began on Oct 21, 1968  
Casualty was on Jan 25, 1969  
in BINH DUONG, SOUTH VIETNAM  
HOSTILE, GROUND CASUALTY  
OTHER EXPLOSIVE DEVICE  
Body was recovered  
Religion  
ROMAN CATHOLIC

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William is buried at St. Peter,s Clinton Twp, MI



L'Anse Creuse HS '67

## Harrison GI Dies in Action

A Harrison Township soldier Army Pfc. William C. DeFer, 20, has been reported killed in Vietnam. He was a passenger in a vehicle that struck an enemy mine during a combat mission. Only Tuesday, his sister Donna received his last letter, written three days before he died. Pfc. DeFer was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell S. DeFer, 38691 Hazel. He is survived by six brothers and six sisters. Funeral arrangements are being made by Groesbeck Funeral Home, 226 Crocker Blvd.

He graduated in 1967 from L'Anse Creuse High School, and joined the Army the following May. He had served in Vietnam since September with the 28<sup>th</sup> Infantry, First Cavalry (Airborne) Division.

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## PFC William C. Defer

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Groesbeck Funeral Home, 226 Crocker Blvd., Mount Clemens, and at 10 in St. Louis Church for Pfc. William C. Defer, son of Russell and Florence Wood Defer, 38691 Hazel, Harrison Township, who was killed in Vietnam on Jan. 25.

PFC Defer was born in Mount Clemens on Nov. 13, 1948. He graduated from L'Anse Creuse High School in the Class of 1967. The following May he joined the service. He had served in Vietnam with the 28<sup>th</sup> Infantry, First Air Cavalry Division, since last September.

He was the holder of the Purple Heart Medal, the Combat Infantry Badge, the National Defense Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

Scripture reading will be held in the funeral home at 8 p.m. today. Burial will be in St. Peter Cemetery.

Besides his parents, PFC Defer is survived by the following brothers and sisters; Russell, Francis, Dennis, Edgar, Mrs. Francis (Patricia) Giacalone, Siever, Donna, Mary, Kathryn, Josephine, Thomas and Teresa, all of Mount Clemens.

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