

# JOHN FREDERICK ELAND

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SP4 - E4 - Army - Selective Service  
1st Cav Division (AMBL)  
20 year old Married, Caucasian, Male  
Born on Sep 01, 1948  
From ST CLAIR SHORES, MICHIGAN  
Length of service 1 year.  
His tour of duty began on Oct 22, 1968  
Casualty was on May 12, 1969  
in TAY NINH, SOUTH VIETNAM  
HOSTILE, GROUND CASUALTY  
MULTIPLE FRAGMENTATION WOUNDS  
Body was recovered  
Religion  
LUTHERAN & MISSOURI SYNOD

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John is buried at White Chapel Cemetery, Troy, MI



## 2 Servicemen Die in Vietnam

Two young Macomb County servicemen, a Marine from Mount Clemens and a St. Clair Shores soldier, were among 11 Michigan men listed by the Defense Department as killed in recent Vietnam action.

*Marine Pfc. Roy J. Mrosewske, 20, of 159 Gallup, died May 10 of multiple injuries and burns when the helicopter he was a passenger in sustained hostile small arms fire while attempting to land, 21 miles south of the Vandergrift combat base in the Quong Tri province. The other man, Sp. 4 John F. Eland, 20, was reported missing in action May 12 during an enemy mortar attack upon an airfield-landing zone in the southern portion of Vietnam.*

*U. S. Army officials said Eland, who was assigned to Battery B of the 19<sup>th</sup> Artillery Group of the First Cavalry, was officially listed as killed in action last Friday.*

*Mrosewske, who lived with his mother, Mrs. Ida Mrosewske, until his enlistment in the Marine Corps, had been in Vietnam only one month.*

*He left Oct. 15, 1968 for basic training at Camp Pendleton, Calif., and arrived in Vietnam April 9. Prior to enlisting, Mrosewske worked at the A&L Service Station on S. Gratiot.*

*While at school, his mother said he enjoyed playing tennis and "Was well liked by everyone."*

*HIS BROTHER, Army Sp. 4 Dennis Mrosewske, is being flown home from Fort Devon Army Hospital in Ayer, Mass., for the funeral. Dennis, who also served in Vietnam, had both legs injured Feb. 28 in the Mekong Delta operation. He will return to the hospital for at least a year after his brother's funeral.*

*Surviving PFC Mrosewske are his parents, three brothers, Donald, William, and Dennis; two sisters, Jackie and Christine, and a grandmother, Mrs. Wanda Teise of Utica. Jackie and Donald are both students of Mount Clemens High School and Christine is enrolled at Macomb Junior High School.*

*PFC Mrosewske will be buried with full military honors. Local funeral arrangements are being handled by the Will and Schwarzkoff Funeral Home.*

Spec. 4 Eland, whose wife of just eight months: Sozett, lives at 28204 Little Mack with her parents, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Eland, of 22018 Colony. He was a 1967 graduate of South Lake High School. He was employed by the Department of public works, with the City of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Eland was drafted into the Army in April 1968 and received his basic training at Ft. Knox, Ky. He later received advanced training in radio communications and artillery. While home on leave, he married Sozett, just prior to his departure for Vietnam, according to his parents. His mother said that his letters to both the family and his wife reflected his feeling of separation from his new bride and how much he desired to be back home with his family.

Four months after John entered the Army, his brother Gregg, also a 1967 graduate of South Lake, enlisted into the Marine Corps. Gregg was stationed aboard the aircraft carrier USS Kearsage in the Philippines when notified of his brother's death and was flown home aboard Military aircraft.

Funeral arrangements for Spc. 4 Eland will be announced at a later date.

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