

# WILLIAM RICHARD GUENTHER

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SGT - E5 - Army - Regular  
9th Infantry Division  
20 year old Married, Caucasian, Male  
Born on Dec 09, 1947  
From WARREN, MICHIGAN  
Length of service 1 year.  
His tour of duty began on Mar 03, 1968  
Casualty was on Sep 06, 1968  
in LONG AN, SOUTH VIETNAM  
HOSTILE, GROUND CASUALTY  
OTHER EXPLOSIVE DEVICE  
Body was recovered  
Religion  
EPISCOPAL, ANGLICAN  
  
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William is buried at Roselawn Cemetery, Berkley, MI



## Death Summons GI

Army Sec. 4 William R. Guenther did not get a chance to meet his firstborn, a two month old girl named Jolynn. He was killed Friday in Vietnam.

According to Army officials, Spec. 4 Guenther died of wounds received in a base camp when the area was hit by hostile rocket-propelled grenades.

“He told us – through his letters - that it was pure hell over there,” said his mother, Mrs. Erma Jane Borkowski, 26219 Colman, in Warren.

“He added that if some of the protesters and Dissenters were in Vietnam for even a short time, they’d be glad to come home and would appreciate what we got here,” Mrs.

Borkowski said, her voice hoarse from crying.

Young Guenther, in the Food Service Section, said he was afraid to sleep at night because of the rocket grenade attacks by the Viet Cong.

“He told of the weather, which was horrible, with lots of mud, rain and not too hot temperatures,” Mrs. Borkowski continued, “and to waiting from minute to minute for enemy action.”

Spec. Guenther is survived by his wife, Mrs. Jan Elwood Guenther of 37682 Brookwood Drive in Utica and his daughter, Jolynn; his mother and brother, Richard, at home.

He attended Berkley High School and enlisted in the Army on Sept. 16, 1966. He arrived in Vietnam on Feb. 29, 1968, and served with Headquarters Company, 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Food Service.

Service arrangements are being made by Vasu-Lynch Funeral Home, 4375 N. Woodward, Royal Oak.

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