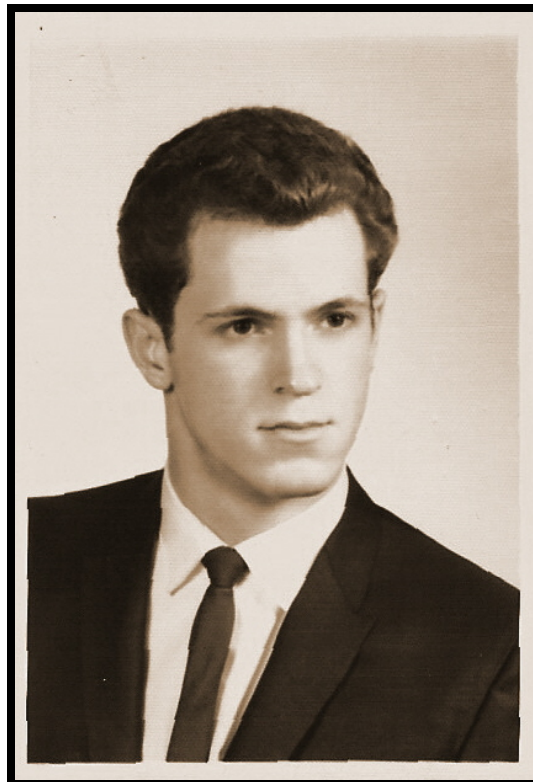
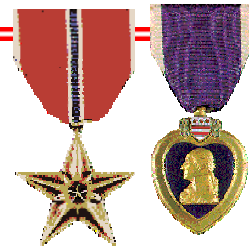


BENJAMIN LEE HOOPENGARNER JR

SP4 - E4 - Army - Selective Service
196th Light Infantry Brigade
21 year old Single, Caucasian, Male
Born on Oct 07, 1947
From FRASER, MICHIGAN
Length of service 1 year.
His tour of duty began on Mar 07, 1968
Casualty was on Dec 07, 1968
in QUANG NAM, SOUTH VIETNAM
HOSTILE, GROUND CASUALTY
GUN, SMALL ARMS FIRE
Body was recovered
Religion
ROMAN CATHOLIC

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Benjamin is buried at Resurrection Cem., Clinton Twp., MI
"Butch"



Received from Karen Gooley , sister

Fraser Soldier Killed in Action

“He was just counting the days until he got home,” said the Mount Clemens woman, recalling the last letter which was received from her brother, Army Specialist fourth class Benjamin Lee Hoopengartner, Jr. Hoopengartner, 21, was killed in action Dec. 7 from wounds received while on combat operation. Hoopengartner’s sister, Mrs. Karen Gooley, of Mt. Clemens, said that her brother was to be discharged three months from the day he died.

Mrs. Gooley said her mother, Mrs. Elsie M. Davenport, of 16435 Miller, received the last letter from Hoopengartner the day he was killed.

“His morale was down because a few of his friends were killed, but he was still cheerful...wished us a happy Christmas,” said Mrs. Gooley.

But March 7 wasn’t the only day Hoopengartner was looking forward to. . . he was to have been married next August to Shirley Sauer, of Mount Clemens, according to Mrs. Gooly.

A 1967 graduate of Fraser High School, Hoopengartner was described by his sister simply as “the greatest in the world.”

He entered the service in July 1967 and arrived in Vietnam last March, assigned to Company A, 4th battalion, 31st Infantry, Americal Division.

Hoopengartner is also survived by a brother, George Gore, of Roseville.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Bagnasco Funeral Home, 25800 Harper, St. Clair Shores.

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Two Macomb GIs Killed

Two county GI’s were included in the list of 32 servicemen killed in action in the Vietnam war, the U.S.Defense Department announced.

Dead are Army Spec. 4 Benjamin L. Hoopengartner, Jr. son of Mrs. Elsie M. Davenport, of 16435 Millar, Clinton Township, and Army Spec. 4 John Pizzuti, son of Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Pizzuti, of 22501 Alger, St. Clair Shores.

Pizzuti had been listed as missing on an earlier Defense Department report.

The Macomb Daily, Dec. 14, 1968, front page

HOPPENGER

BENJAMIN (GORE). Specialist fourth class U.S. Army. Died in action in Vietnam. Dear son of Mrs. Elisie Davenport. Dear son pf Mr. Fred Davenport. Brother of George Gore and Mrs. Karen Gooley. Funeral Monday 8 a.m. from Bagnasco Funeral Home, 25800 Harper, St. Clair Shores. 9:30 a.m. at St. Thecia Church. Rosary Sunday, 7:30 p.m.

The Macomb Daily, Dec. 21, 1968, page 5B

