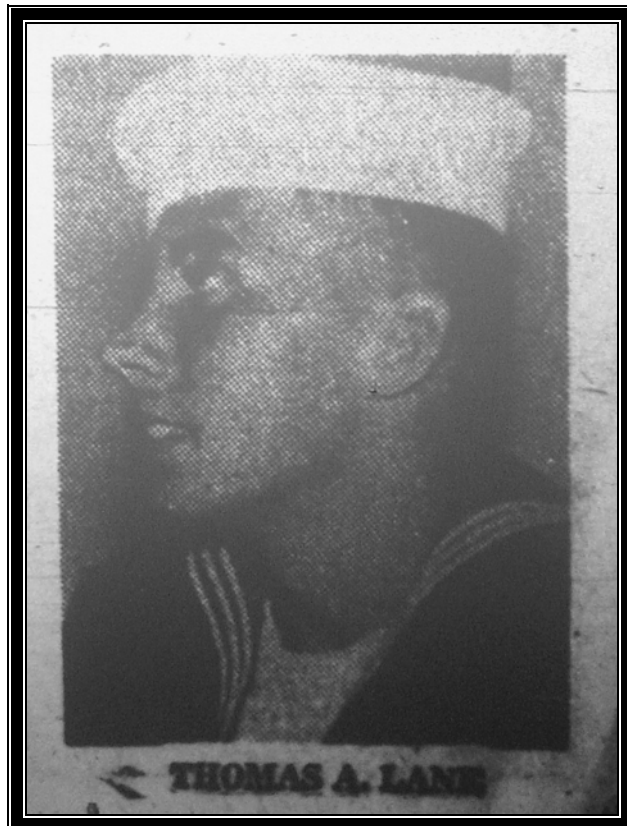


THOMAS ALLEN LANE

HM3 - E4 - Navy - Regular
23 year old Single, Caucasian, Male
Born on May 02, 1944
From FRASER, MICHIGAN
Length of service 2 years.
Casualty was on May 26, 1967
in QUANG TIN, SOUTH VIETNAM
HOSTILE, GROUND CASUALTY
GUN, SMALL ARMS FIRE
Body was recovered
Religion
PROTESTANT

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Thomas is buried at Cadillac Memorial Gardens East, Clinton Twp., MI



Thomas A. Lane

Petty officer Thomas A. Lane, HM3, 23, of 18021 Rainbow Street, Fraser, died May 26, of wounds inflicted by enemy fire at Quant Tin, Vietnam. Mr. Lane, son of Alfred and Catherine Van Loon Lane, was born in Detroit on May 2, 1944. He came with his parents to Fraser in 1959, where he graduated from high school in 1964 and enlisted in the U. S. Navy in June of 1964.

He is survived by his parents and one sister, Janice Kay, at home.

The body will be at the Faulmann Funeral Home, 32814 Utica Road, Fraser, where memorial services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. at the Erin Presbyterian Church, Roseville, with the Rev. J. R. MacDonald officiating.

Following the service, graveside services with full military rites will take place in Cadillac Memorial Gardens, East.

The family will receive friends at their home at 18021 Rainbow, Fraser.

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MOTHER DECRIES 'BLOODSHED WITHOUT PROGRESS'

Medal for A Dead Fraser Sailor

FRASER - Fraser sailor received a Purple Heart post-humously this morning as his mother continues her own battle in anger and grief against the war in Vietnam.

Awards were made at Naval Recruiting Headquarters in Detroit to Navy Hospital Corpsman 3-C Thomas A. Lane, 22, killed by sniper fire May 26 while giving medical aid to a comrade.

The first Fraser High School graduate killed in the war - Lane had four months left to serve.

His mother, Mrs. Alfred Lane, of 18021 Rainbow, received the following awards for her son: the Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and Republic of Vietnam campaign ribbon.

But medals are small consolation to a mother who has lost her only son in a war that is hard to understand. Writing to Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara, Mrs. Lane said:

"I am not against fighting for my country, nor was my son, but he was appalled at the bloodshed without progress. Our boys are surrounded by the enemy.

"Our men have no training in guerrilla warfare. They're not trained veterans but kids out of high school. As it stands now we are sitting ducks every time we move into the field.

"Not one GI should be in Vietnam under these circumstances. The only place our boys should be is in the air, dropping bombs, and on ships lobbing shells.

"Let the Vietnamese fight on the land," she concludes, "while we stay on ships and planes and win this war."

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