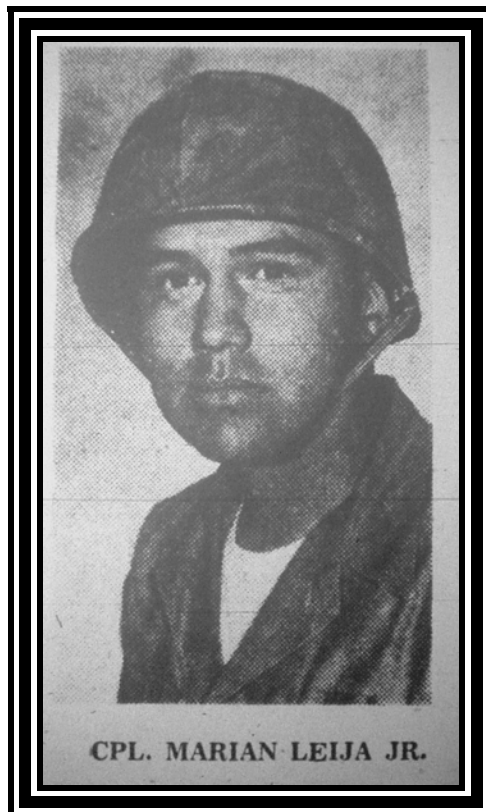


MARIANO LEIJA JR

CPL - E4 - Marine Corps - Regular
20 year old Single, Caucasian, Male
Born on Jul 22, 1946
From MT CLEMENS, MICHIGAN
Length of service 1 year.
Casualty was on May 12, 1967
in QUANG TRI, SOUTH VIETNAM
Hostile, died of wounds
GROUND CASUALTY
ARTILLERY, ROCKET, or MORTAR
Body was recovered
Religion
ROMAN CATHOLIC

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Mariano is buried at Resurrection Cem., Clinton Twp., MI



Clinton Marine Dies in Vietnam

Death of a Clinton Township marine from wounds received while on a helicopter rescue mission in South Vietnam was announced today by the Defense Department.

He was Marine Cpl. Marian Leija, Jr., 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marian Leija, 20883 Vermander.

Cpl. Leija joined the Marine Corps after leaving Clintondale High School, and had served in Vietnam for nine months.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by a sister, Mary, 18, and two brothers, Peter, 16, and Marcus, 13.

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Mariano Leija Jr.

Funeral services will be held for Cpl. Mariano Leija Jr., 20, of 20883 Vermamder, Clinton Township, at 9:30 a.m. Friday at Kaul Funeral Home, 27830 Gratiot, Roseville, followed by 10 a.m. church rites at St. Claude's Church, Clinton Township, with Rev. Father Edward J. Wilk officiating. Burial will be in Resurrection Cemetery.

Rosary will be recited at 8:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Born July 22, 1946 in Mt. Clemens, Cpl. Leija, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mariano Leija Sr., was killed on duty May 12 in Vietnam.

He had attended Clintondale High School, which he left to join the Marines two years ago.

Surviving besides his parents, are brothers Pedro and Marcus, and sister Maria, all at home. Also surviving are his maternal grandmother, Mrs Martina Rangla, of Mount Clemens; his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Eufemia Leija, of Mt. Clemens.

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