

JOHN AUGUST MC GRATH

LCPL - E3 - Marine Corps - Regular
21 year old Single, Caucasian, Male
Born on Jun 29, 1945
From WASHINGTON, MICHIGAN
Length of service 1 year.
Casualty was on Nov 12, 1966
in QUANG NAM, SOUTH VIETNAM
HOSTILE, GROUND CASUALTY
OTHER EXPLOSIVE DEVICE
Body was recovered
Religion
PROTESTANT

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John "Gus" is buried at Elkland Cemetery, Cass City, MI



Utica Marine Killed in Viet Nam

UTICA – “It won’t be long and deer season will be here. Maybe next year we can both go and then we will be sure of bringing at least two home.”

So wrote a Utica marine to his brother only a little over a week ago.

But Lance Cpl. John “Gus” McGrath, 21, won’t be coming home again. He was killed by a Viet Cong explosive while defending a position near DaNang, South Viet Nam on Saturday.

McGrath was the son of Lewis C. McGrath, 43388 Charemagne, and Mrs. Margaret Nagy, of Caro, Mich. He is also survived by two brothers, Paul, 15, and Mark, 7, and two sisters, Peggy, 12, and Lou Ann, a nurse in Grand Rapids.

His brother Paul remembers Gus as “fun-loving and a great hunter of pheasant and rabbits. He was “real good with horses.” He did a lot of work in his family’s riding and hay-ride stable in Washington.

Services will be held in Caro, with burial in Cass City.

McGrath graduated from Utica County High School in June, 1963, and served in the Marines for a year. His last communication was a birthday card to his mother.

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