

NEIL STEWART THOMPSON

CPL - E4 - Army - Selective Service
9th Infantry Division
20 year old Married, Caucasian, Male
Born on Apr 23, 1947
From WARREN, MICHIGAN
His tour of duty began on Oct 07, 1967
Casualty was on Mar 02, 1968
in LONG AN, SOUTH VIETNAM
HOSTILE, GROUND CASUALTY
ARTILLERY, ROCKET, or MORTAR
Body was recovered
Religion
ROMAN CATHOLIC

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Neil is buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Detroit, MI



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Four Macomb County Soldiers Die in Vietnam Battles

Four Macomb County men have been killed in battles since the start of the Viet cong offensive in Vietnam, the U. U. Defense Department announced today.

They are:

***Army Cpl. Gerald A Huczek**, 20, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Huczek, 25591 Cole, Roseville.

***Army Cpl. George Whitelaw**, 21, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Geogr E. Whitelaw, of East Detroit, the the husband of Mrs. Joann Whitelaw, 18521 Empire, East Detroit.

***Army Pfc. Marvin H. Jones, Jr.**, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin H. Jones, Sr., 130 Moross, Mount Clemens.

***Army Cpl. Neil S. Thompson**, 20, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart R. Thompson, 13427 Sidonie, Warren, and the husband of Mrs. Grace M. Thompson, 24411 Prairie Lane, Warren. . . .

Just six weeks ago, little Kelly Thompson breathed the first breath of life and on March 2 the life of her father whom she had never seen was snuffed out during a enemy mortar attack near Lon Thanh.

Neil Thoompson was a cook with the 60th Infantry, 9th Division and normally would not be on the front lines of the battle.

But since the Viet Cong offensive the front lines have moved from the countryside into the cities ans camps.

A 1966 graduate of Lincoln High School, Neil was employed as a cook at the Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, and worked part time at the Mount Clemens Raceway during the summer.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Thompson, of Warren, received a letter from their son the day before the telegram informing them of his death.

The letter told of the promotion to corporal he recently received and how the men were being wasted in Vietnam.

"It's a waste of time ," his father said. "We should pull our troops out of there and let them fight their own war.

"I have felt this way for a long time," the father added. "They are not giving us any help and I can't see why we are fighting all their battles for them." . . .

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NEIL STEWART, CPL. IN Vietnam. Beloved husband of Grace. Dear father of Kelley, and beloved son of Stewart and Mildred Thompson, Brother of Larry and Diane. Son-in-law of Don and Ann Schiro. Funeral Wednesday, 9:15 a.m. from Leo T. Sobocinski Funeral Home, 22121 Kelly Rd. between 8 and 9 Mile to St. Leonard Church, 10 a.m. Interment, Forest Lawn Cemetery.

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