

RICHARD FLOYD TURPIN III

SP4 - E4 - Army - Regular
196th Light Infantry Brigade
20 year old Single, Caucasian, Male
Born on Jul 09, 1947
From ROSEVILLE, MICHIGAN
Length of service 1 year.
His tour of duty began on Mar 30, 1968
Casualty was on May 06, 1968
in THUA THIEN, SOUTH VIETNAM
HOSTILE, GROUND CASUALTY
MULTIPLE FRAGMENTATION WOUNDS
Body was recovered
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Richard is buried at Acacia Park, Birmingham, MI



Roseville HS '65

Roseville Soldier Killed in Vietnam

ROSEVILLE- A Roseville GI was among the latest American dead in the war in Vietnam, the Defense Department announced today.

Killed in action was Spec. 4 Richard E. Turpin III, son of Mrs. Dorothy M. Palmer, 18855 Northway. Three other Michigan men were among those killed.

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Taps Sound for 2 Roseville GIs

By Robert Kraus
Staff Writer

ROSEVILLE-Memorial Day will hurt hard here. Over the past year, 15 young men from Roseville have died on the battlefields of the jungle republic half a planet and hundreds of years away.

Three of these men died in South Vietnam this month.

It's probably a record of sorts, but who wants to check.

This week telegrams from the Army reached the parents of SP-4 Richard F. Turpin III, 20, and Timothy O'Connor, 19.

The records show that both Richard and Garrett grew up in Roseville. Both attended Roseville High School and both entered the Army in 1966.

Richard and Garrett were reported missing in action within two months of arriving in Vietnam and subsequently both were listed as dead in the same week.

The records are not positive, but it seems likely that Richard Turpin and Garrett O'Connor never met.

Sp-4 Richard Turpin, III, son of Mrs. Dorothy Palmer, 18855 Northway, and PFC Garrett O'Connor, son of Russell O'Connor, will both be buried this week.

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Richard F. Turpin

Roseville – Services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday in Zion United Church of Christ, Fraser, for Sp. 4 Richard F. Turpin III, 20, of 18855 Northway, who died May 6 of wounds suffered in action in Vietnam. The body will be at the Faulmann Funeral Home until 11 a.m. Friday and in state in Zion Church from noon until time of service.

The Rev. Elver H. Hoefer will officiate. Burial will be in Acacia Park cemetery, Birmingham.

Sp 4 Turpin was born in Kansas City, Mo. On July 9, 1947. He was graduated from Roseville High School in 1965 and entered the service in 1966. He was a former member of Boy Scout Troop 1496 of Fraser.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Dorothy Palmer; three sisters, Connie Turpin, Dawn and Melanie Palmer, all at home; grand mother, Mrs. Constance Baxter, of Texas.

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