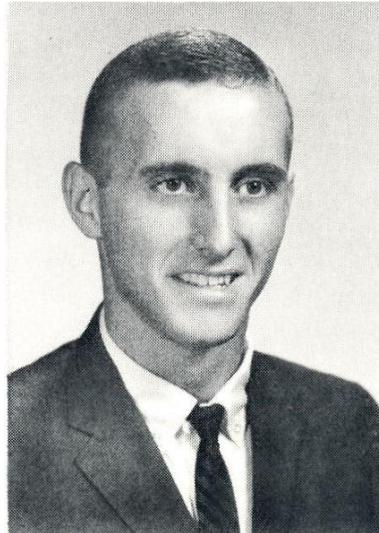


WINFIELD WESLEY BECK
October 23, 1942 – February 12, 1968
Killed in Action – Thua Thien Province
Panel 39E, Row 17 – Vietnam Memorial Washington DC



FISHER-POU FUNERAL SERVICE
Lt. Winfield W. Beck
U. S. Army 1st. Lt. Winfield W. Beck,
25, 502, N. Citrus St., was killed Feb.
13 in Vietnam.
He was a member of the First Baptist Church.
Among survivors are: his widow, Mrs. Joanne Beck of Pensacola; a brother Arron Beck with the Marine Corps in Vietnam; a sister, Mrs. Caroline Jacobson of San Diego, Calif, his father, Carl E. Beck of Pensacola; and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Beck of Pensacola.
The body is to be returned to Fisher-Pou Funeral Service for burial services.

From Roland Newhouse, PHS Class of 1960:

First Lt. Winfield Beck (US Army) was killed in Viet Nam. His name is etched on the Viet Nam War Memorial in Washington, DC. I can remember participating in many activities at PHS such as the Hi Y, where he was the President. I can remember him as a go-getter and natural leader, thus it was not unusual for him to become an Officer in the Military. Wish there were words to give some comfort to his family who have had to endure such a loss. He will always be remembered by those of us whose path he crossed.

From Marti Gunnells Moe, PHS Class of 1960: Winfield Wesley Beck was a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He was married to Joanne Reilly, one of our classmates. He was killed in Viet Nam at age 25.

Memorial Day Tribute to Winfield Beck: I want to pay special tribute and extend my thanks to the late Winfield Beck, who gave his life so that we can continue to enjoy freedom in our country. Winfield was a good friend during our years a PHS. Sadly, I never got to see him after graduation, but remember him as one of the best men, perhaps the very best, in our class. Winfield was a born leader with a wonderful sense of purpose. He was wise beyond his years, one reason why so many looked up to him. His good looks and charm never went to his head, as he always remained humble. Winfield, we miss you and look forward to the day when we might see your smiling face once again! George Gaines, PHS Class of '60

Remembering Lt. Winfield W Beck – Postings on the Vietnam Memorial Website

Posted on 2/13/03 - by Leonard Wayne Purinton

Today, I am remembering Lt. Beck, who was my platoon leader in the summer of 1967. We served together in C Co. 5th Bn 7th Cavalry 1st Cavalry Division. I was his radio operator July 67- August 1967. In August I had to give up the radio, as I had a bad leg infection and spent a week at the 15th Med hospital in LZ English. When I came back to the field, I went back to being a rifleman. Later on, Lt. Beck became the Company XO. Lt. Beck was a good soldier, one who I looked up to. I was 19 years old and he around 25.

This past year, my parents found over 120 letters that I had written home to them, my brothers and Grandparents detailing the many things that was going on. I have a letter dated February 14th, 1968 that mentions the day Lt. Beck died in action. " Dear Mom & Dad, Hi. Just a few lines this afternoon to let you know I'm ok. Things are really bad here now. The 12th, Lt. Beck, our old platoon leader and than Company XO was killed along with a bunch more as we walked into a BN of NVA soldiers" We were caught in a cross fire and I was able to make it back to to our line of defense, but Lt. Beck was hit and killed on a battlefield NW of Hue. On February 20th, our BN went back to that village and took it over. Today, I am suffering from PTSD. I have been dealing with the war for the past 13 years, it never seems to go away. I have made two trips back to Vietnam in recent years, 1995 to the southern part where the war was fought and in 1998 went to Hanoi for a week.

Posted on 8/22/00 - by Janes B. D'Arcy

Winfield Beck was my friend at Ft. Ord, CA from January to June 1967. He was honest, compassionate, and a man of very high morals. I learned of his death in 1996 while seeing The Wall. Winfield helped me overcome some bitterness and helped me grow up and to lead a good life. Many times, I wanted to thank him for all that he did for me. Winfield's death was a great loss for this country and for the world. I know he is with our Heavenly Father and I look forward to seeing him again someday.

Posted on 3/1/00 - by May Ferguson

My husband and I were best friends with Winfield and his wife prior to him going to Viet Nam. He was the most positive, patriotic person I have ever known. His death was a GREAT loss for this country.

Posted on 5/23/99 - by Judi Hamm

I attended Pensacola High School in Pensacola, Florida with Winfield in 1958-1960 and remember him as a very caring young man. He was well liked by his classmates. I remember him as the type of young man who would gladly do his duty for his country. Judith Elane Dixon Hamm

Posted on 2/9/11 - by abeck619@charter.net

My name is Andy Beck. My father is Aaron, Winfield's younger brother. I was born 8 years after his death. My whole life I have heard my dad and other family members talk about Winfield and what he meant to them. Reading these remembrances has given me a greater perspective of what kind of man my uncle was. I have always felt strongly connected to him although we've never met. I am very proud to be Winfield Wesley Beck's nephew, and I am very happy that he had such a profound, positive effect on so many. I have always wanted to know more information about him and who he really was, and I thank each one of you for taking the time to remember him.