

**WILLIAM HOKE FARMER JR****CLASS 10-65**

is honored on Panel 21E, Row 12 of  
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

**Full Name:** WILLIAM HOKE FARMER JR  
**Wall Name:** WILLIAM H FARMER JR  
**Date of Birth:** 6/22/1939  
**Date of Casualty:** 5/29/1967  
**Date of Death:** 5/29/1967  
**Home of Record:** FAYETTEVILLE  
**State:** NC  
**Branch of Service:** ARMY  
**Rank:** 1LT  
**Casualty Country:** SOUTH VIETNAM  
**Casualty Province:** LONG AN



1LT Farmer served two years with the National Guard prior to entering active service in 1958. At the time of his death he was assigned to the Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 9th Artillery as a Forward Observer with Company C, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry, 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division. He had formerly served with the 82d Airborne Division.

**My Friend**

Been almost 40 years now Bill since we sat and had breakfast at battalion base one morning. It was the last time I saw you. We had gone over together, been assigned to 2nd/9th together, served as FOs together and had vowed to come home together. There has not been a day since I last saw you that I haven't thought of you, Bob Emory and so many others. Rest in peace my friend.

Posted by: Dean Springer  
February 9, 2007

**He is buried in Lafayette Memorial Park, 2301 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC**



**Obituary from the Athens GA, Athens Banner Herald Sunday June 11, 1967:**

Lt. William Hoke Farmer Jr.

Full military funeral services for 1st Lt. William H. Farmer Jr., 27, who died May 29, of injuries in Vietnam, will be conducted 3 p.m. Sunday from the chapel of Jernigan-Warren Funeral Home by the Rev. Kenneth Newton. Burial will be in Lafayette Memorial Park, in Fayetteville, NC. Surviving are his wife, Carletta V. Farmer of the home at Unit 19, Keithville, Fayetteville; a daughter, Lee Farmer of the home; his parents; Mr. and Mrs. William H. Farmer Sr., of Nicholson; a sister, Mrs. Martha L. Baldwin, Atlanta; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Anthony Zito, New York, N. Y.

He was the husband of Mrs Carletta V Farmer, 6330 Bragg Blvd, Fayetteville, NC.

He served with Company C, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, "Cacti Forever", 25th Infantry Division, "Tropic Lightning", USARV. He was attached from his parent unit, Battery C, 2/9th Artillery.

He was awarded The Combat Infantryman Badge (CIB), The Silver Star for Gallantry in Action, the Purple Heart for his Combat Wounds, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm Unit Citation.



**From the Mighty Ninth website: <http://www.themightyninth.org>**

Lt. Col. Bruce Holbrook, commander of the 2nd Bn., 9th Arty., "Mighty Ninth," fired the 200,000th round that the artillery battalion has sent on its way since its arrival in Vietnam.

The ceremony took place recently at Btry. B, nearly 13 months after Gen. Westmoreland, commander of U.S. forces in Vietnam, fired the first round of the "Mighty Ninth" to be fired in Vietnam by any artillery unit of the 25th Inf. Div.

At the recent ceremony, the executive officer of the battery, 1st Lt. William H. Farmer Jr., of Fayetteville, N.C., loaded the round into the gun which Col. Holbrook later fired.

