

## **BAKER, MICHAEL RAY**

### Birth

May 27, 1946 in Des Moines,  
Iowa



### Death

June 5, 1968 in Vietnam

### Cause of Death

Killed in Vietnam

### Cemetery Lot

Buried on Lot 2

### Father

Carl F. Baker

### Mother

Norma Jean Bequeaith

### Obituary

[The Des Moines Register, Friday January 12, 1968, page 13]

Services for Pfc. Michael R. Baker, 21, of St. Louis, Missouri, formerly of Des Moines, who was killed January 5, in Vietnam, will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Westover Funeral Home. Burial will be at Orilla.

Private Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Baker, of St. Louis, was killed by enemy rifle fire and American Napalm.

He lived in Des Moines until 12 years ago when his family moved to St. Louis.

He was a 1966 graduate of Ritenour High School in St. Louis and he attended Central Missouri State College. He was a member of Overland Presbyterian Church in St. Louis.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are three sisters, Nancy, Kathy and Laura, and a brother, Carl, all at home; his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Ethel Baker of Des Moines; his maternal grandfather, Clark E. Bequeaith of San Diego, Calif.; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Jennie Halterman of Des Moines; his great-grandfather, Joseph Enos of Des Moines; and a great-grandmother, Mrs. Laura Bequeaith of Des Moines.

### Military Service

Private HHC 27 Infantry 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in Army; Served in Vietnam PH; Killed while in Vietnam. He had multi-fragment wounds.