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Jim and I were classmates in a small rural school that only had grades 1 through 8, with 13 in our 8th grade class. After attending that school we went on to various high schools in the surrounding area. Jim and his family lived in rural Monroeville, so he attended and graduated from Monroeville High School in 1966. After graduating from high school "he enlisted in the US Marine Corps on June 7 1967 in Cleveland OH. Arriving for duty in Vietnam on November 11 he was assigned to and served with Company H, BLT (Battalion Landing Team) 2/4, 9th MAB, FMFPac". He was killed in action on March 18, 1968 in Quang Tri, Vietnam. Jim is the only person from Monroeville who was killed in action in the Vietnam War. He is very deserving of recognition in his home town. I greatly appreciate your efforts in this cause to honor and memorialize Jim.

Note: I am attaching several PDF files of info I found when planning his March 18 memorial. Most are from The Bellevue Gazette (TBG) but one, quoted above, is from the Find A Grave site.

Thanks for helping honor Jim.

Larry

LCpl James Edward Sprowl

▲ BIRTH 14 Jan 1948 Norwalk, Huron County, Ohio, USA

▲ DEATH 18 Mar 1968 Quang Tri, Vietnam

▲ BURIAL Saint Sebastian Catholic Cemetery Bismarck, Huron County, Ohio, USA

▲ MEMORIAL ID 134583837

James, the son of LeRoy B. Sprowl and Florence A. Sprowl of Monroeville Ohio, dear brother of Tom, Kenny, Joe Sprowl, Annette, Marilyn, Jacalyn, Karla, and Karen Sprowl; he enlisted in the US Marine Corps on June 7 1967 in Cleveland OH. Arriving for duty in Vietnam on November 11 he was assigned to and served with Company H, BLT (Battalion Landing Team) 2/4, 9th MAB, FMFPac.

From the Find A Grave web site.

Corp. Sprowl's Funeral To Be Monday Morning



JAMES E. SPROWL

Funeral services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in St. Sebastian's Church, Bismark, for Lance Corporal James E. Sprowl, USMC, 20, who died in

Vietnam on Monday, Mar. 18.

The Rev. John Keller will officiate. Burial will be in the parish cemetery.

Friends may call at the Foos Funeral Home after 7 p.m. Saturday.

The body will arrive at Cleveland Airport at 6:17 p.m. today and will be accompanied by Cpl. Edward Gizenda, USMC.

The Marine's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Sprowl, Bismark, were notified of their son's death Sunday night when a Marine officer called at their home on Pontiac Section Line Rd. They received a confirmatory telegram Monday.

Survivors also include three brothers, five sisters, his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Irene Eores, Norwalk, his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sprowl, Milan.

Marine's Medals Presented To Mr. And Mrs. Leroy Sprow

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Major John Roush of the Cleveland Marine Base visited Friday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Sprowl where he presented them with the Purple Heart for their son, Lance Corporal James Sprowl, USMC who died in action on Mar 18

They also received the Battle Star Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal and the American Defense Medal. Mr. and Mrs. Sprowl were also presented Gold Star pins.

Award Area Marine Medal Posthumously

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Sprowl, rural Monroeville, were presented with a bronze star medal posthumously awarded to their son, James, Wednesday by Marine Corps Lt. Col James Reh-fus

James Sprowl, a lance corporal in the Marine Corps, was killed March 18 in Vietnam.

He was cited by the president for exposing himself to hostile fire and single handedly assaulting the enemy by throwing hand grenades and firing his rifle until he was killed.

Part of the citation reads "Corporal Sprowl's resolute, initiative and unwavering devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

Soldier Died In Viet War

Lance Cpt James E. Sprowl, USMC, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Sprowl, Pontiac Section Line Rd., was killed in action at Quang Tri, South Vietnam on Mar. 18. His parents were notified on Sunday night by a Marine Corps major.

The rural Monroeville youth had worked for the Norfolk & Western Railway in Bellevue from the time he was 16 until he enlisted in the Marine Corps in June, 1967. He lived with an uncle, John Sprowl, in Norwalk, for a year after his graduation from Monroeville High School in 1966.

As a student he played football for two years, was on the track team for three and on the reserve basketball squad for a year.

In addition to his parents he is survived by three brothers, Tom, Norwalk; Kenneth and Joseph, at home; five sisters, Karen, Annette, Marilyn, Jacalyn and Karla, at home.

The body will be returned to Monroeville for burial. Arrangements will be announced later.