

**John Robert Oglesby**

Private First Class

United States Army

3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry, 25th Infantry Division

Born July 30, 1947

Killed in Action May 15, 1968

Tan An, Vietnam

John Robert "Robbie" Oglesby was born July 30, 1947, in Orange, California to Robert L. Oglesby and Shirley Rees Oglesby. He was one of six children with younger brothers, Chris, Tom, Mark, Jason, and sister Deane.

Raised in Tustin, Robbie attended Tustin elementary schools and Tustin High, graduating in 1965. While in school, he was active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Tustin Little League, Tustin High Baseball, and basketball and was the high school sports columnist.

His mom Shirley was a Foothill High School English Teacher.

Robbie entered the United States Army in August 1967, completing his basic training in Fort Ord. Robbie arrived in Vietnam on February 12, 1968. PFC Oglesby was fighting a brush fire when he was ambushed and killed on May, 15, 1968, just 3 months after arriving in Vietnam. He was 20 years old.

He is the recipient of the Purple Heart, National Defense Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Vietnam Service Medal. He is buried at Fairhaven Memorial Park in Santa Ana.

