



Allen Jacques DuRoy

PFC Allen Jacques DuRoy
Private First Class,
United States Army
101st Airborne Division, 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry, D Company
Born 1 December 1948
Killed While Serving 18 April 1971
Thua Thien, Vietnam

Allen Jacques DuRoy was the second child and only son of Jacques and Ruth DuRoy. He was born December 1, 1948, in Flint, MI. The family, along with his older sister Kay, moved to Tustin in 1964.

Al, as he was called in high school, had been attending Santa Ana Valley High school when the family moved to Tustin. He decided to stay at Valley High. Al was quiet, liked school and was described as studious. After high school he worked for Southern California Edison and attended Santa Ana College. During his college time, Al stopped for a semester to marry his high school sweetheart, Mary Sparks on May 17, 1969. Mary and Al lived in an apartment down the street from his parents on Williams Street.

While on his break from college, Al was drafted into the United States Army, completing his military training at Fort Bragg. Allen found that he really enjoyed the military and talked about making it a career. His father Jacques had been a Navy veteran during WWII and grandfather Herbert, an Army veteran during WWI in France.

Allen's tour of duty in Vietnam began on October 23rd, 1970. Six months later, while on night patrol on April 18, 1971, PFC Allen J DuRoy stepped on an American land mine and was killed while serving his country. He was the last of the Tustin Soldiers to die in the line of duty. He was just 22 years old.

He is buried at Pacific View Memoria Park in Newport Beach, overlooking his beloved ocean.

