



Christy Albert Peebler

Sergeant
United States Army
196th Light Infantry Brigade
Born 24 January 1947
Killed in Action 13 June 1969
Vietnam

Christy (Chris) Albert Peebler, the oldest child of Gerald Peebler and Harriette Payne Peebler. Chris was born in Orange, CA on January 24, 1947. His father Gerald was a US Army Air Corps Veteran, having served in World War II. He had a younger brother John Scott and sister Janice.

He had been an independent paper carrier for a daily newspaper and was in Little League. In his scouting activities, he achieved Star rank. While in high school, he was a member of the Agriculture Explorers. He worked with his family at their laundry and dry-cleaning business in Santa Ana.

Chris attended Edison and Roosevelt Elementary Schools and Lathrop Jr. High in Santa Ana. He graduated from Tustin High in 1965, then attended Santa Ana College for 2 years, receiving his Associate of Arts in Diesel and Automotive Engineering. During July of 1966, he attended a summer session at the University of Wales in Bangor, Wales.

He enlisted in the United States Army in February 1967, completing his basic training at Fort Lewis, WA. He was sent to Vietnam on August 15, 1968.

At the time of his death, Chris was engaged to be married in August to Lynda Douthit of Tustin. Six days before his death, his mother and father were to take his fiancé to meet Chris in Hawaii when his mother saw uniformed soldiers walking up her driveway. Sgt Peebler had been shot through the heart by a sniper's bullet while on patrol near Chu Lai, Vietnam.

He was the recipient of two Purple Hearts (he had incurred serious wounds that he had recovered from earlier), the Presidential Unit Citation, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Bronze Star.

He is buried at Olive Lawn Memorial Park in La Mirada, owned and operated by the Peebler family.

