



## Allen Gregory Swaim

Sergeant  
United States Army  
Company A, 3rd Battalion, 1st Infantry Division  
Born 28 December 1946  
Killed in Action 1 August 1968  
Duc Pho, Vietnam

Allen “Greg” Swaim was born December 28, 1946, to Charles Lewis Swaim and Marilyn Peterson Swaim. His family, along with brothers Mike and Don and sister Patty lived on Kirk Street in Tustin. His mother, Marilyn, worked in the Tustin High cafeteria for more than 22 years.

Greg attended Tustin High, graduating with the Class of 1964. While at Tustin, Greg was a member of the Tustin Cross Country team and sang in the high school choir. Classmates wrote that he had a deep abiding faith and was very active at Tustin’s Trinity Church. He was a mentor to the younger church members, serving as a Youth Camp Counselor. Others described Greg as honest, decent, and fair minded. Many expected Greg to become a pastor.

After graduation, Greg attended Fullerton Junior College and entered the United States Army in January 1966. He attended Officers Candidate School in Maryland before being sent to Germany, where he was training to be a forward air observer.

In May 1968, he went to Vietnam. On August 1, 1968, Sgt. Swaim was part of an ambush team 3 miles south of Que Son. Tragically, an American fired artillery round fired at enemy forces fell short and fell on Sgt. Swaim’s position. Sgt. Swaim and Sgt. Matthew Woods were killed.

He was the recipient of the Purple Heart, National Defense Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Vietnam Service Medal. He was Posthumously awarded the Bronze Star and the Vietnamese Military Merit Medal, which is equivalent to the American Distinguished Flying Cross Medal.

He is buried at Fairhaven Cemetery in Santa Ana.

