



## Richard Thomas Carroll

Richard T. Carroll was born in Reading, PA July 1950, his family moved to Tustin in 1957 where he attended grade school and graduated from Tustin High in 1968.

Shortly after high school graduation Richard was sent to Fort Ord, California for basic training August 23, 1968. Upon his graduation from Fort Ord, he was transferred to Fort Benning, GA where he completed AIT, Jump School, and Field Radio Training.

June 1969 prior to his departure to Viet Nam Richard married his high school sweetheart.

He served in Viet Nam June 25, 1969, to June 24, 1970, and was assigned to Headquarters 7<sup>th</sup> of the 17<sup>th</sup> Air Cavalry they were called the "Ruthless Riders". July 1969, Headquarters assigned him to the 75<sup>th</sup> Rangers as a LRRP (short for Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol), being a LRRP placed you out in the field on teams that consisted of a 6-man or 3-man teams depending on the mission. LRRP teams flew in and out of base camps AnKhe or Pleiku; when they did fly back to a base camp it was for a debrief, shower, food, rest and chance to read mail from home. His worst day in Nam was December 19, 1969, where he lost most of his team, a day he would never forget. His last duty station Fort Lewis, Washington where he completed his final obligation to the United States Army June 1971.

He was the recipient of the Bronze Star and Army Commendation Medal for In Ground Operations Against Hostile Forces 31 August To December 31, 1969. He also received CIB, 2 O/S bars, ARCOM, GCMDL, VSM, RVNCOM, NDSM, and qualified as EXP M-16 and SPS M-14.

