

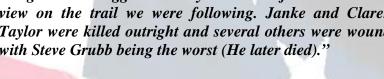
## STEVE FREEMAN GRUBB

2nd Platoon, "A" Company, 1st Battalion (mechanized), 50th Infantry Private First Class, E3, Posthumous Promotion to CPL, US52942483, MOS 11B10 Home of Record: Faber, VA

Date of Birth: April 2, 1947, Age at time of loss: 22, Married 173rd Airborne Brigade (Separate), Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam Start of Tour: March 6, 1969, Date of Casualty: May 28, 1969, Days in Country: 83 Casualty Type A2, OED, Panel 23W - Row 009

Steve Grubb was killed when he and 5 others from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon of "A" Company were hit by shrapnel from a command detonated Claymore Mine. Medic SP5 John **Kirkwood witnessed the event:** 

"We were on a foot patrol that day and after searching and finding nothing in a village near lake Dam Tra O, we moved out with Sergeant Janke on point. About 500 feet beyond the village the VC triggered a Claymore Mine just as it came into view on the trail we were following. Janke and Clarence Taylor were killed outright and several others were wounded with Steve Grubb being the worst (He later died)."



A map of the location (BR990802) is shown below.









1<sup>ST</sup> BATTALION

50<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY



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Steve is pictured with men from his platoon in these photos provided by his wife, Gladys:





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Gladys Grubb, Association Life Member and the widow of Steve Grubb, KIA 28 May 69, serves as our Association Memorial Book Chair. She has dutifully gone to the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in Washington DC and obtained etchings from each of our men killed in action. She is pictured below dressed in pink, at our first reunion.

Steve is buried in Gladys's family (Allen) cemetery in Nelson County, Virginia. The grave is on a hill from which you can see the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains.



## STEVE GRUBB'S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

