

# THOMAS EUGENE CLARK

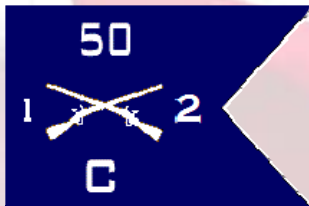


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1ST BATTALION  
50TH INFANTRY

2ND PLATOON



"C" COMPANY



SPECIALIST  
4TH CLASS



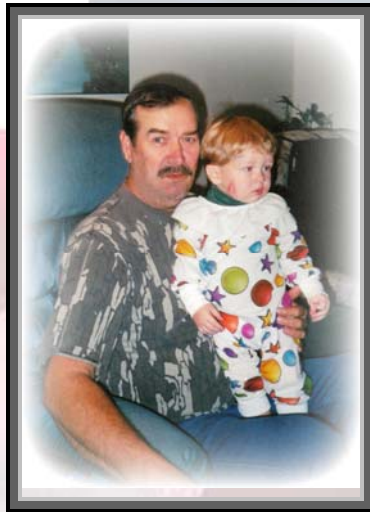
INFANTRY

Thomas Eugene Clark, 50, of Lake Butler, Florida, died Wednesday, September 8, 1999, at his home.

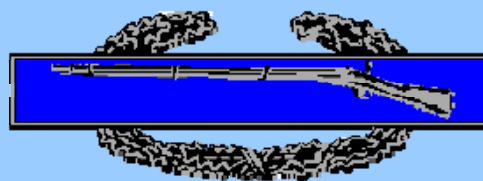
Mr. Clark was a retired construction drywall finisher.

Clark was Born in Starke and moved from Alachua to Lake Butler in 1980. He was a 1968 graduate of Sante Fe High School. According to Tom's Wife, Tom preferred country living...building their home where she continues to reside. He liked to fish and hunt...particularly deer hunting. He loved dogs and raised Rottweilers.

Tom served in the US Army in Vietnam with the 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry in the 2nd Squad of the 2nd Platoon of Charlie Company from January to December of 1970 and was awarded the Air Medal for participating in more than 25 Combat Assaults from Helicopters. He manned the 50 Caliber Machine Gun on his Squad's Armored Personnel Carrier and, when dismounted, carried the M-79 Grenade Launcher. He often walked "Point" when his unit was on foot patrols.



Survivors include his wife, Dorothea "Dorie" McKinney Clark of Lake Butler; a son, Brian Eugene Rose of Lake Butler; his father Jim Clark of Lake City; two brothers, Kenny Smith of Lake Butler and Edwin Smith of Lake City; two sisters, Gloria Parrish of Lake City and Melba Gordon of Alachua; and one grandson.



Combat Infantry Badge



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