

OBITUARY: ROBERT J. "BOB" GOLD

11/14/1942 – 2/3/2020

Robert passed away into the arms of our Lord, the evening of February 3, 2020, surrounded by his loving family. He will be sadly missed by all; especially the 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regimental Association. "Play the Game".



Robert "Bob" Gold served with Company D, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry as a Squad Leader. He saw service attached to the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), the 4th Infantry Division and the 173rd Airborne Brigade (Separate) from 1967 to 1968 in the former Republic of South Vietnam. During his 2 year enlistment, he earned the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Vietnam Cross for Gallantry, The Combat Infantryman Badge, the Purple Heart with 1 oak leaf cluster (Wounded twice), the Air Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with "V" device for Valor and attained the rank of Sergeant, E5. In 2017, the National Infantry Association, at the recommendation of the 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Association awarded Bob membership in the esteemed United States Army Infantry Order of Saint Maurice.

Bob leaves behind the love of his life, wife of almost 20 years, Sharon; two loving sons, Mark (Barb) and Chris (Lisa) Gold; granddaughters, Rashelle and Courtney Gold; great-grandson, Elias; great-granddaughter, Annabella; brother, Jerry Gold of Phoenix, Arizona.



THE ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL
WITH "V" DEVICE FOR VALOR

Headquarters 173rd Airborne Brigade (Separate)

General Orders Number 1044

18 April 1968

For Heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force. Sergeant Gold distinguished himself on 9 March 1968 in the Republic of Vietnam. On this day, Company D, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry was occupying a night defensive perimeter when it was attacked by an estimated enemy battalion. The weapons platoon sustained several casualties in the initial stages of the enemy assault. Sergeant Gold immediately exposed himself to the intense hostile fire as he rallied the whole platoon. Disregarding his own safety, he moved to the commander's hatch of his armored personnel carrier and provided covering fire with his machine gun while the others cared for the wounded and prepared to fire mortar rounds. Sergeant Gold's actions were in keeping with the highest military traditions and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit and the United States Army.