



**SPECIALIST JOHN ARNOLD HOPP
HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 1ST BATTALION (M) 50TH INFANTRY
1ST FIELD FORCE VIETNAM, TASK FORCE SOUTH
SEPTEMBER, 1969, THROUGH DECEMBER, 1970**

John Arnold HOPP passed away October 9, 2008 at his home. He was born February 17, 1948 to Conrad Hopp Jr. and Frieda Hopp, who preceded John in death. John's brother Kenneth Hopp also preceded him in death. John is survived by his brother, Conrad Hopp and his wife Martha of Firestone, CO.; brother, Paul Hopp and his wife Janice of Mead, CO; brother, Walter Hopp and his wife Charlette of Longmont, CO; sister, Sherri Bauer and her husband Fred of Eaton, CO; sister, Sandra Nelson and her husband Fred of Broomfield, CO. John was raised on a farm in Mead, Colorado and graduated from [Longmont High School](#) in 1966. After graduating from High School, John attended Northeastern Jr. College, Sterling Colorado. In 1969, he then transferred to the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley. John also attended Eastern Montana College, Aims College and the Colorado Graduate School of Banking. He then worked in the Banking industry for many years. For the past 8 years John has been a Credit Analyst at Sunrise Medical.

In 1969, John A. Hopp joined the United States Army. While in the Army John received many awards, commendations and achievement metals; including the National Defense Service Medal, Bronze Star, Vietnam Campaign Medal, in addition to multiple badges. John left the Armed Services in December 1970. John was a "Life Member" of the 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Association. In 1971, John married Beverly J. Bistline, and they later divorced. John had four children: Son, Stephen and his wife JoBeth, and their children Keely, Hailey and Dane, of Miamisberg, OH; son, Gregg Hopp and his wife Mariah, and their children, Carson, Jaden and Lola, of Boise, ID; daughter Dawn Hopp Teply and her husband James, and their children Peyton, Sydney, Connor and Rowan, of Boise, ID; and Deborah Hopp Newstadt, and her husband Edgar of McCall, ID.

John remarried to Linda Margaret VanZee September 27, 2004. John accepted Linda's children as if they were his own. Son, Jon VanZee and his wife Christy, and their daughter, Alexis, of Longmont; son, Mark VanZee and his wife Kristin, and their children Aubry, Alec, Trevor and Wyatt, of Longmont; and son, Daniel VanZee and his fiancé Jennifer, and their children, Olivia, Hunter and Payton. John was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. John was very involved in the church – he sung in the choir for 5 years, was the President of the Church Council and taught a weekly Bible Study for Men at his home for 5 years. John's hobbies and interests included reading, writing, volleyball, dancing and singing. John cherished all his children and loved to cheer them on in all of their athletic and academic achievements. He loved to spend time with all of the 18 grandchildren. All of his grandchildren, family and friends were blessed to know him. Visitation will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12, 2008 at Ahlberg Funeral Chapel. Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Monday, October 13, 2008 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Longmont. Interment will be at Longmont Mountain View Cemetery. Military Honors U.S. Army Honor Guard and American Legion Post #32. Contributions may be made to Bethlehem Lutheran Church and sent in care of Ahlberg Funeral Chapel. Visit www.ahlbergfuneralchapel.com to leave condolences for the family

