

1ST BATTALION (MECHANIZED), 50TH INFANTRY "B" COMPANY

Bryan "Frenchy" Lagimoniere learned that longtime friend and fellow "B" Company soldier [Rick Leland](#) died of a massive heart attack in Texas on June 19th, 2012.

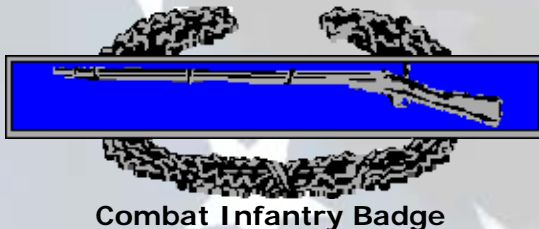
Bryan and Rick had entered the Army together on September 26, 1969, completing Basic Training at Fort Dix, New Jersey and Advanced Infantry Training at Fort Lewis, Washington.

The two received orders for duty in Vietnam and arrived at the 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry's "B" Company on March 7th. Rick Leland was wounded severely in the foot on or about July 7th, 1970 and returned Stateside.



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AWARDS AND DECORATIONS



Combat Infantry Badge



Purple
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Rick Leland is buried at [McGregor Cemetery](#), McGregor, Texas



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Man On Fishing Trip With Grandson Dies At Local Lake

LAKE BELTON (June 19, 2012)—A 62-year-old Central Texas man who was taking his 11-year-old grandson fishing Tuesday at Lake Belton died after suffering what evidently was a heart attack while trying to retrieve a drifting boat.

Authorities identified the man as Richard Leland of McGregor.

Leland and his grandson Daniel were putting the boat in at a ramp at White Flint Park just off State Highway 36 when a gust of wind caught the boat and it began to drift away, authorities said.

Leland collapsed after he went into the water to pull the boat back to the ramp.

His grandson swam out and was able to pull his grandfather to shore where passersby performed CPR, authorities said.

Paramedics, however, were unable to revive him.

A justice of the peace arrived at the ramp just after 12:30 p.m. to pronounce the man dead.

An official said the boy did “a great job and did everything he could.”



Richard Dean Leland

November 7, 1949 - June 19, 2012

BIOGRAPHY

Richard Leland, 62, of McGregor, passed away June 19 in White Flint Park at Belton Lake. Graveside services will be held Friday, June 22 at 2:00 p.m. at McGregor Cemetery.

Richard was born November 7, 1949, in Sanford, Maine.

Richard owned and operated a home repair service in McGregor for 22 years which allowed him to fulfill his desire to help people. He was an avid lover and hunter of fossils, and fishing was a great distraction. Richard served his country in the Army for 2 years, most of which was served in Vietnam.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Deborah; his children Chris and Melanie, and Patrick and Erin ; grandchildren Daniel, Vivianne, and Bethany; one brother, Robert Leland; and extended family members Pat and Richard, Robert and Nancy, and Mike and Kathy, and their kids.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the McGregor EMS C/O Mynette Taylor 311 S. Main St. McGregor, TX 76657.

GRAVESIDE SERVICE

Friday June 22, 2012, 2:00 p.m. at McGregor Cemetery