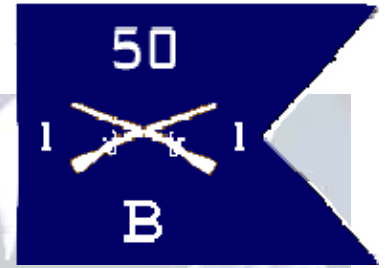




**1ST BATTALION (MECHANIZED), 50TH  
INFANTRY  
"B" COMPANY  
1ST PLATOON LEADER**

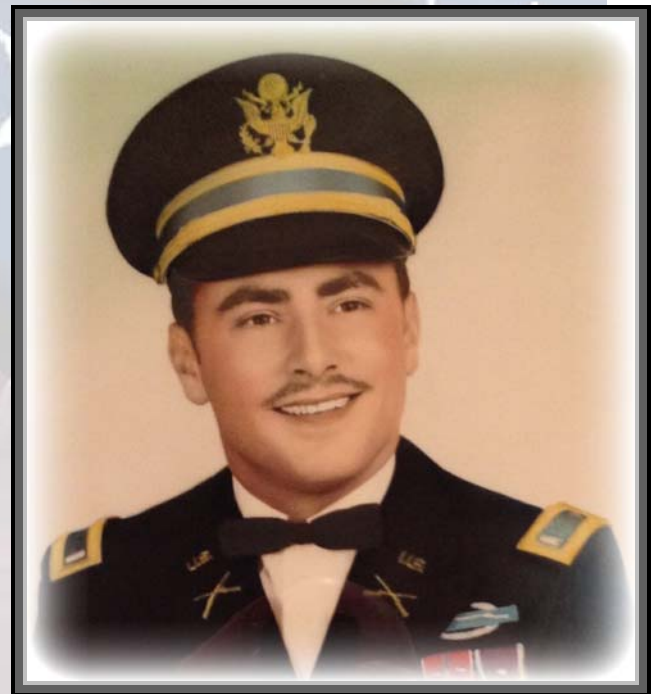


Former First Lieutenant James L. Wonsick was Platoon leader with the Mortar Platoon of "B" Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry in 1967 and moved to the 1st Platoon as Platoon Leader in December of that year.

Jim Wonsick received many awards and decorations during his service with the 50th Infantry, the highest of which was the award of the Bronze Star with "V" Device for Valor for his actions during what became known as the Battle of An Tinh (An Lac)...specifically during the "B" Company contact with elements of the 22nd NVA Regiment near the villages of An Tinh and An Lac on the coastal beach area south of Bong Son in Binh Dinh Province on January 2nd, 1968.

## James L. Wonsick Obituary

WONSICK James L. Wonsick, age 65 of Canal Winchester, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, September 28, 2012. He was born February 21, 1947 in Columbus to the late James P. and Helen L. (Trott) Wonsick. He was an Army Lieutenant serving our country during the [Vietnam war](#). He received two [Purple Hearts](#) for his brave actions. He worked at Lucent Technologies for 36 years, was a member of the American Legion, and was a longtime member of Asbury United Methodist Church. Jim always loved traveling, square dancing and the outdoors. Survived by his loving wife, Sharon (Parsons) Wonsick whom he married July 12, 2003; sons, Shane and Adam Wonsick; sisters, Alice Schuler, Ellen (Bruce) Beckle and Fran Zupp; brothers, RJ (Karen), Bill (Karen), and Tucker (Vicki); six grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. Friends may visit 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, at the DWAYNE R. SPENCE FUNERAL HOME, 650 W. Waterloo St., Canal Winchester, where funeral service will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, with Dr. Kevin Orr, Pastor, officiating.



Interment will follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens.

Online condolences at [www.spencefuneralhome.com](http://www.spencefuneralhome.com).

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Members of the local "Patroit Guards" and Pall Bearers from Jim's Family stand by at the Cemetery



After the funeral, family and friends gathered at Jim's Church in Canal Winchester, Ohio. Pictured here, Left to right are: Association Historian Jim Sheppard, Former "B" Company men Toby Milroy, Al Smith, Bob Schaller, Jim's Wife Sharon, Dick Guthrie and Walter Billups

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## AWARDS AND DECORATIONS OF JAMES L. WONSICK



Combat Infantry Badge



Bronze Star

(2 awards, Valor and Merit)



Air Medal



Purple Heart



Good Conduct



National Defense



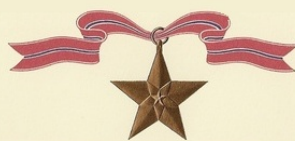
Vietnam Service



Vietnam Campaign



Vietnam Gallantry



THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL  
WITH "V" DEVICE FOR VALOR

HQ, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMOBILE)

GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 1772

22 MARCH, 1968

FOR HEROISM, NOT INVOLVING PARTICIPATION IN AERIAL FLIGHT, IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. SECOND LIEUTENANT WONSICK DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY EXCEPTIONALLY VALOROUS ACTION ON 2 JANUARY 1968, WHILE SERVING AS A PLATOON LEADER WITH COMPANY B, 1ST BATTALION (MECHANIZED), 50TH INFANTRY DURING A SEARCH AND CLEAR MISSION NEAR AN LAC, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. WHEN HIS UNIT BECAME HEAVILY ENGAGED WITH A LARGE ENEMY FORCE, LIEUTENANT WONSICK SUSTAINED A SERIOUS WOUND, BUT CONTINUED TO LEAD HIS PLATOON AGAINST THE HOSTILE EMPLACEMENTS. CONTINUALLY EXPOSING HIMSELF TO THE ENEMY FIRE, LIEUTENANT WONSICK DISMOUNTED HIS VEHICLE TO COORDINATE HIS UNIT'S BASE OF AGAINST THE ENEMY POSITIONS. HIS DISPLAY OF PERSONAL BRAVERY AND DEVOTION TO DUTY WAS IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.