



## 1<sup>ST</sup> BATTALION, 50<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY REGIMENT

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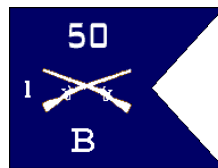
Ernest P. (Pee Wee) Johnson

Ernest Johnson, 46, died Thursday, August 8, 1991, at Humana Hospital, Florence, Alabama, after an extended illness.

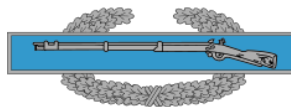
He was a native of Lauderdale County and a veteran of Vietnam. He served with Company B, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (Mechanized), 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry...which was attached to the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division, the 4th Infantry Division and the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade during his service time in 1967 and 1968. Among other actions in combat, he was involved in the Battle of Tam Quan, the Battle of An Tinh (An Lac), the battle of Phu My during the Tet offensive of January 31, 1968, the Battle of An Bao, the Battle of Trung Hoi and the Battle of Trinh Van. He was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 1968 at An Bao and the Air Medal for over 25 Combat Assaults from helicopter aircraft. He was also the recipient of the National Defense Medal, the Vietnam Service, Campaign and Gallantry Medals. He was a member of the Sheffield VFW.

He was a concrete finisher and the brother of the late Jack Johnson of Florence. Survivors include wife Brenda Johnson, Tusculumbia; daughters Mrs. Tracey Lynn Tingle, Killen, Mrs. Deborah Gail Wild, Covington, LA; parents Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson, Florence; brother, Joe Johnson Jr., New Orleans, LA; sisters, Mrs. Shelby Haddock, Mrs. Gail Faulkner, Mrs. Ruby Hill, Frances Keeton, all of Florence; five grandchildren.

Bearers will be Joseph Johnson, Red L. Hill Jr., Arvil Keeton Jr., Howard Wilkerson, Leonard Garner and John Johnston.



Company B



Combat Infantryman Badge

