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Earle Edwin Shannon

Earl Edwin Shannon was born on September 15th, 1951 in Milledgeville, Georgia. He was the son of Elizabeth Alma Shannon and Urban Edwin Shannon. He grew up with two brothers, Wayne and Lyle Eugene Shannon, and one sister, Rosie Shannon. They grew up in a Roman Catholicism household. His brother Wayne Shannon and sister Rosie Shannon are still living. According to Georgia, U.S Death Index, Lyle Eugene Shannon died at the age of 17 in 1972. Cause of death is not reported.

Earl Shannon's family was familiar with the military. Draft card records show that Earl's dad, Urban E. Shannon served as a national guardsmen in World War II. Urban enlisted on October 15, 1942.

Military records indicate that at nineteen years old, Earl Shannon joined the army. His tour of duty began on April 12, 1970. He was assigned to D company, 227th assault Helo battalion, 11th aviation group, 1st cavalry division. He came in as private first class but then moved onto the rank of Specialist Four where his military occupation was Armor Intelligence Specialist. He earned a Purple Heart as well as the Distinguished Flying Cross award. The Distinguished Flying cross is awarded to those who show great acts of heroism in the service of aerial flight. The purple heart is awarded by the president to those who died while in active duty.

According to Combat Area Casualties Current File, Shannon's casualty was on Dec. 13 1970 in Military Region 3 - Binh Long, South Vietnam. He was involved in a hostile helicopter air casualty. The helicopter crashed on land and his body was recovered. Shannon died at 19 years old.

Shannon's body was returned to his hometown of Milledgeville, Georgia. He is buried in Westview cemetery next to his late family members. His grave is located in Square 12, Lot 2, Grave 3.

The Wall of Faces website says Shannon's service is memorialized on the Vietnam memorial. His name is inscribed and honored on Panel 6W, Line 119 of the wall.

The Wall of Faces website offers a place to leave remembrances for the veterans. On Earl Shannon's page, his brother Wayne Shannon left this message: "WE WILL NOT FORGET YOU! There are days that I wish I had my brothers around to talk to. I miss you so much. One day I will find the son you left behind in Vietnam. We love you. I will see you in heaven on day" The message is dated June 2, 2016.

Findagrave.com also allows for remembrance comments. Earl's sister left this message, "In loving memory of my brother Earl E Shannon you're little sister Rosie" The message is dated Nov 27, 2007.

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Photo of Earl E. Shannon's grave in West View Cemetery, Milledgeville.



Photo of Shannon's brothers Wayne and Lyle. Posted anonymously on Lyle Shannon's Findagrave.com page.

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Elizabeth Alma Swint Shannon

Slippery pavement resulting from heavy rains was listed by the State Highway Patrol station here as the cause of a one car accident in which two Hardwick residents were killed instantly early Friday morning.

The wreck victims were Mrs. Elizabeth Shannon 43, and Elbert Lamar Worthy, 36, both employees of Central State Hospital.

The accident occurred when the vehicle being driven by Mr. Worthy went over the rails of the bridge of Allen Memorial of Allen Memorial Drive and crashed to railroad tracks about 25 feet below.

The time of the accident was not established. It was discovered at 4:30 p.m. The car had been headed south and it plunged through the bridge railings on the right hand side.