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Sergeant Ronald Burkhart

Ronald Wayne Burkhart was born on March 4, 1949 in Harlan, Kentucky. It just so happens he shared his birth date with his mother, Grace.

At the age of 13, the Burkhart family moved across the Country settling in Albany, Oregon. During his teen years, through Junior High and High School, he took up the sport of boxing and became quite good at it, winning numerous matches and trophies.

Ron loved the outdoors...he loved fishing and bow hunting, including hunting for Antelope in Eastern Oregon.

At the age of 17, Ron enlisted in the U.S. Army, following his older brother Ron's footsteps. Within a year of service, he was promoted to the grade of Sergeant. He enjoyed serving and excelled in his endeavors. While stationed in Germany, he volunteered for a tour of duty in Vietnam.

In Vietnam he was assigned to A Company, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 199th Light Infantry Brigade.

On 26 March 1968, at the age of 19, he was killed in action by enemy fire in the Bien Hoa Province, South Vietnam.

Sergeant Burkhart is one of 58,300 U.S. servicemen who were killed or missing in action, during the Vietnam War. His name can be found on the Viet Nam Memorial War Panel 46E, Row 29 in Washington, D.C.