

Wayne Terry Miller, T-60

20 April 1942 – 19 March 1967

(aged 24)



Pfc. Wayne T. Miller

*A young Memphis Marine who
“just felt better in the service”
was fatally wounded by a mortar explosion on his 40th
day of combat in Vietnam.*

Private First Class Wayne T. Miller, 24, of 245 South Watkins, died Sunday of the wounds in a Da Nang hospital and became the 61st war casualty from Shelby County.

He wrote to his mother, Mrs. Elinor Hoffman Miller Burrow, last week that he had “rather be outside the perimeter fighting. You can kill more Viet Cong out in the hills and forests.” It was out in the hills and forest that a mortar exploded near him Saturday, inflicting wounds. He died the next day.

Private Miller enlisted with the Marines last December in California where he had been working about a year. Before going to California, he had served four years in the Air Force and attended Memphis State University after his release from active duty.

“He didn’t have the money to finish college and he went into the Marines because he just felt better back in the service,” said his brother, Gary Miller of the South Watkins address.

Private Miller was graduated from Memphis Tech High School in 1960. He delivered newspapers while in high school, was manager of Tech’s basketball team and took part in tryouts for the Golden Gloves tournament in 1959.

He leaves two other brothers, Arthur E. Miller, Jr., of Memphis and Bruce Miller of 1640 York; a sister, Mrs. Sandra Johnson of El Sobrante CA; and his father, Albert E. Miller of 1640 York.

