

The Death of Samuel Lee Anderton 22 February 1968

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SENECA YOUTH IS KILLED IN VIETNAM WAR ACTION

A 19-year-old Seneca youth serving in Vietnam for the past three months has been killed in action. Pfc. Samuel L. Anderton, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Anderton of Shay Street, and a 1966 Venango Christian High School graduate, died last Thursday [22 February 1968] of gunshot wounds. He is the second young area man to die in war-torn Vietnam in recent days. Word was received by a Rimersburg couple that their son, a second lieutenant, had been killed in Southeast Asia.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderton were notified of their son's death yesterday morning. A sergeant from the New Castle Army recruiting station made a personal visit to the home. The last word received by Mr. and Mrs. Anderton from their son indicated that he was fighting with the enemy near the Demilitarized Zone.

After enlisting in the Army May 30, 1967, Anderton received airborne training at Fort Benning, Ga. He had been attached to the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky. His group was airlifted to South Vietnam just last December.

He was born September 30, 1948, in Oil City, a son of Walter William Anderton and Helen Robinson Anderton. His father is in charge of production at the Continental Can plant here. Prior to enlisting, he attended the Venango Campus of Clarion College. He was a member of St. Stephen Church in Oil City. Besides his parents, he is survived by one brother, Michael Anderton, a student at Clarion College.

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REQUIEM SET FOR SENECA YOUTH KILLED IN VIETNAM

Requiem high mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday in St. Stephen Church for Pfc. Samuel L. Anderton, 19-year-old Seneca youth who was killed February 22 in Vietnam. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Anderton, were officially notified that he was killed, while in route to Hue. He was attached to the 101st Airborne Division, which arrived in Vietnam in December.

Interment will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Garden. Friends may call after 7 p.m. today at the Charles A. Morrison Funeral Home. The family requests persons wishing to make a memorial to donate to the Retarded Children's Association.