

Vietnam War



PFC Antonio Falco
U.S. Marine Corps
Age 18

Born - 1950 San Ferdinando, Foggia Province, Italy
Entered Service - February 1968 Canton, Massachusetts

Antonio came to America when he was four years old, with his sister and five brothers. The family first lived in Roxbury, then moved to Dorchester where Antonio received his grammar school education at the Davis School. He moved to Canton and entered Canton High School, but after a year, returned to Dorchester (where he felt more comfortable) to finish high school. After high school Antonio enlisted in the Marines and was sent to Da Nang to the 1st Marine Division Engineer Battalion. On April 30th, 1969, while clearing an airstrip, his bulldozer hit a land mine and Falco was killed. He was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star for valor during his eight months tour in Vietnam. At 18 years old, he was the youngest Canton resident killed in action, during the last four wars. His body was returned to Canton May 12th, 1969 for a Memorial Mass at Saint John's Church.

Date of Death - April 30th, 1969 Da Nang, Vietnam
Buried - Saint Michael's Cemetery Forest Hills, Massachusetts

The Healing Wall location ... Panel 26W, Line 87