

Vietnam War



1st Lt. Peter M. Hansen
U.S. Army
Age 22

Born - April 23rd, 1945 Brockton, Massachusetts
Entered Service - August 31, 1965 Canton, Massachusetts

Peter moved to Canton with his older brother and sister when his mother remarried and lived on Van Buren Street. After graduating from Canton High in 1963, he worked at the Plymouth Rubber Co. and establishing himself as a freelance cabinetmaker. Peter joined the Army with the condition that he be trained in auto maintenance, but when his aptitude test scores were reviewed he was offered OCS. Hansen volunteered for Vietnam August 16th, 1967 and was assigned to Headquarters, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor of the 25th Division as Liaison Officer. Three months after his arrival he died from wounds received when the vehicle he was riding in struck a land mine. Hansen was awarded the Bronze Star and Vietnam's Gallantry Cross with Palm posthumously. In March 1969 the school committee voted to name the elementary school under construction after Peter M. Hansen.

Date of Death - November 29th, 1967 Vietnam
Buried - Saint Mary's Cemetery Canton, Massachusetts

The Healing Wall location ... Panel 31E , Line 4