

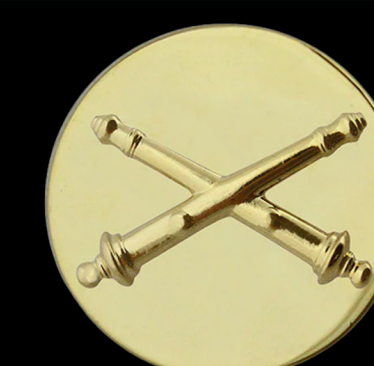


# ALFRED WILLIAM SPINNER

(JUNE 17, 1950 - APRIL 27, 1969)



Army  
Specialist 4



Infantry



A Company,  
1st Battalion,  
20th Infantry

**Years of Service:** 19 JAN 1967 - 27 APR 1969

## Medals & Awards:

Purple Heart

Infantry Shoulder Cord

National Defense Service Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation

Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal

One Overseas Service Bar



**Specialist 4 Alfred Spinner** joined the United States Army in 1967. He completed basic training at Fort Bragg in North Carolina, and additional training in Monmouth, New Jersey. In September, 1968, SP4 Spinner began his tour of duty, serving as an infantryman with Company A, 1st Battalion, 20th Infantry Regiment, 11th Infantry Brigade, American Division. He was assigned to Chu Lai, in the Quang Nam Province. Spinner was on a combat patrol during his final mission, near Quang Ngai. In one remembrance, a fellow soldier promised the "men of Alpha Company, his friends, will hold Alfred's memory in The Wall of our hearts for all our lives."\* In addition to a Purple Heart Medal, SP4 Spinner was awarded a Bronze Star for heroism.

A Lynchburg native, Alfred Spinner was born in 1950 to Arthalia Jones and St. Claire Alexander Spinner. He had three brothers and three sisters. The family lived on Early Street, Monsview Place, and Grayson Street at various points during his youth. Alfred Spinner completed primary education at Armstrong Elementary School on Monsview Place and attended Dunbar High School prior to joining the Army in 1967. His cousin, Debra Pollard Giles, recalled conversations with Spinner about his decision to join the Army. "I remember me begging you not to go in the (A)rmy and your words were I want to go fight for my country."\* Debra Giles named her first born son, Alfred Tyrone, in honor of him. "We miss you so much,"\* she concluded. In December 1970, Spinner's sister, Mrs. Jean Farrow, presented the American flag that had been draped over Spinner's coffin to Armstrong Elementary School.

\* Wall of Faces