



# CHARLES FRED WRIGHT

(JULY 7, 1937 - AUGUST 23, 1968)



Marine  
Sergeant E-5



C Company,  
1st Tank  
Battalion



3rd Battalion,  
2nd Marines



2nd Marine  
Division

Years of Service: 14 JUN 1956 - 7 JUL 1968

## Medals & Awards:

Purple Heart

Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation

Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation

Vietnam Civil Actions Unit Citation

Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal

Three Hash Marks



**Sergeant Charles Fred Wright** dedicated 14 years of service to the United States Marine Corps. Serving first with the reserves, he joined the Marines in 1956, and embarked on a goodwill tour of the Mediterranean with the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marines, 2nd Marine Division. He later served at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. Between 1959 and 1968, SGT Wright was awarded four Good Conduct Medals. In June of 1968, he began his tour of duty in Vietnam as a Tank Crewman in Quang Nam with 3rd Marine Amphibious Force, 1st Marine Division, 1st Tank Battalion, C Company. According to his obituary, he was a member of the Drum and Bugle Corps. SGT Wright is still honored by his fellow Marines, including those of the 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines. Posting on Wall of Faces in 2000, they wrote: "your brothers...honor your service

and your supreme sacrifice. You are one of our heroes. Your comrades of 2/1 hold you in their hearts and minds forever. Take your warrior's rest for a duty well done. Semper Fi, Marine."

Charles Wright was born on July 7, 1937 to Margaret V. Wright. One of seven children, Charles lived with his family on Harrison and Federal Streets in Lynchburg and was a member of the Roman Catholic Church. He attended Dunbar High School, and completed his high school training while in the service. In 1955, Wright travelled to Charleston, South Carolina, as a member of the 8th Special Infantry Company, for guard and marksmanship training. This was the first instance of a reserve unit participating in summer training at the Charleston Naval Base.