



RICHARD JUNIOR JONES

(SEPTEMBER 2, 1946 - OCTOBER 13, 1967)



Marine
Private
First Class



C Company,
1st Battalion,
5th Marines



Rifle Expert

Years of Service: 6 MAR 1967 - 13 OCT 1967

Medals & Awards:

Purple Heart
Combat Action Ribbon
Navy Presidential Unit Citation
National Defense Service Medal
Vietnam Service Medal
Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation

Vietnam Civil Actions Unit Citation
Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal
French Fourragere Shoulder Cord



Private First Class Richard Junior Jones joined the United States Marine Corps in 1967. After completing boot camp with Platoon 350 at Parris Island, South Carolina, he began his tour of duty in Vietnam, in August, 1967. PFC Jones served as a rifleman with C Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division in the Quảng Nam Province. Nicknamed "Geronimo," the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines participated in large offensive operations throughout the region. Considered an expert rifleman, PFC Jones' final mission involved a security patrol engagement near Hoi An. Fellow Marine, Craig H. Hullinger, remembered PFC Jones in recent years, posting: "Thank you, Marine, for your brave service and sacrifice." Hullinger continued: "we went to Boot Camp together - Platoon 350 at Parris Island, 1967. We remember you and appreciate your courageous service and sacrifice...some of your Marine Comrades from Boot

Camp gathered together, 51 years after boot camp, and remembered you. We will never forget...Semper Fi, Marine."*

Richard Jones was born in Appomattox County, on September 2, 1946, to Annie Lou and Richard Nathaniel Jones. One of four children, he had two older sisters, Frances and Helen, and a younger sister, Catherine. The family lived on Route 2 in Concord, Virginia. Jones' father, Richard N. Jones, served in the United States Army during World War II. He later worked at a sawmill. Jones' mother, Annie, was a member of Pilot Mountain Baptist Church on Spring Mill Road in Concord.

*Wall of Faces