Specialist Four Dennis John Stanley

1947–1969 • Killed in Action

United States Army • Vietnam War
Service #558700151

Dennis John Stanley was born in Atascadero, California, on October 26, 1947. He was drafted into the U.S. Army through Selective Service and began his tour in Vietnam on April 16, 1968.

A Specialist Four and Heavy Vehicle Driver, Dennis served with D Company, 554th Engineer Battalion, U.S. Army Vietnam (USARV).

On January 3, 1969, Dennis was killed in action by an explosive device in Binh Duong Province, South Vietnam. He was 21 years old. He is buried at Santa Margarita Cemetery in Santa Margarita, California.

Decorations & Awards

- Bronze Star
- Purple Heart
- National Defense Service Medal
- Vietnam Campaign Medal
- Vietnam Service Medal
- Army Presidential Unit Citation
- Vietnam Gallantry Cross

Dennis is honored on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., **Panel 35W, Line 29.**

A Family Tradition of Service

Military service ran deep in Dennis's family. His father, William Stanley, served in the U.S. Army during WWII, and both his twin brother, Daniel, and younger brother, Roger, also served in the U.S. Army.

Dennis was also a relative of the husband of **June Kester, our Yellow Bus Leader**, making his story especially meaningful to the HFCCC family.