

is honored on Panel 47W, Row 31 of
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Full Name: ROBERT LESLIE ROSS
Wall Name: ROBERT L ROSS
Date of Birth: 5/17/1947
Date of Casualty: 8/22/1968
Home of Record: PEABODY
County of Record: ESSEX COUNTY
State: MA
Branch of Service: ARMY
Rank: 1LT
Casualty Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Casualty Province: DARLAC



1LT Ross was killed in action while serving as a Forward Observer with 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry, 4th Infantry Division. He was assigned to Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 9th Artillery and lost his life at Fire Support Base Jackie in a 4.2 inch mortar mishap.

From *The Peabody Times*, August 26, 1968:

The ninth Peabody native to become a casualty of the Vietnam War was killed in action several days ago, the Department of Defense reported Thursday.

Army First Lieutenant Robert L. Ross, who was recently promoted to his present grade, became the third Peabody resident to be killed in Vietnam this summer.

Lt. Ross, 22, the son of William I. and Alice (Robinson) Ross, 24 Broad St., Peabody, was killed in a mission west of Kontum while keeping the North Vietnamese from attacking the city. He was assigned to Company A, 3rd Brigade of the 4th Infantry Division.

Ross graduated from Peabody High School in 1964, and entered the Army in August 1966, taking both basic and advanced Infantry training at Fort Dix New Jersey.

After his advanced training, he completed Officers Candidate School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and was assigned to Fort Ord Calif. There he was a training officer and executive officer.

Lt. Ross was a member of the Boy Scouts, and the youth group of the West Congregational Church. He was also an officer in the West Peabody Grange.

Robert is buried at Oak Grove Cemetery in West Peabody, Massachusetts.