

Leland D. Anderson



Leland Anderson served in the 3rd Platoon, 101st RRC, in 1971.

Leland was born in December 1948 and as an Austin, TX, police officer, he was killed in the line of duty in June 1975, at age 26. He is interred in Indian Creek Cemetery, in Stephenville, TX.

Leland Anderson Obituary

Officer Leland Anderson, the son of Jim Ray Anderson and Voncille Whitehead, was killed when he was attacked by three men at the intersection of 8th Street and Congress Avenue, Austin, TX. Officer Anderson had observed one of the subjects selling papers and had stopped to check if he was in compliance with City ordinances. When Officer Anderson attempted to arrest one of the men on outstanding traffic warrants, a fight ensued. One of the subjects gained control of Officer Anderson's gun and shot him. Despite Officer Anderson's bulletproof vest, one bullet entered between the front and rear panel and penetrated his chest. The subjects were arrested following a pursuit in which gunfire was exchanged [information courtesy C. Fahey]

He married Susan Marie Griffin, and they had a daughter, Shannon Christine Anderson (born: May 24, 1970).

His grave marker reads "Killed in line of duty, Austin Police Dept., June 6, 1975": sa eparate military marker reads "Sp 5 US Army / Vietnam"