

## Bob “The Bear” Rose



Bob Rose served with the 7<sup>th</sup> RRU in 1966 before helping to form up the 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon of the 101stRRC, where he served until 1967.

On a mission in Cam Ranh, he and his team were relaxing on the beach when told by a news cameraman they would have to move because the Marines were coming ashore. He responded, “We were here first.” (Actually, the 3<sup>rd</sup> RRU was in Vietnam 4 years before the marines arrived.)

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Robert Lee Rose, 57, died Friday in Henry County Memorial Hospital.

He retired in July from Chrysler Corp after 36 years, and had been a volunteer firefighter in Spiceland. He was an Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Survivors: his wife, Jane McDonald Rose, whom he married June 12, 1964; two sons, Mike and Steve; his mother, Burneda "Bea" Popplewell Gillespie; his father, John; two sisters, Faye Crabtree and Ruth Lynch; and two brothers, John and David.