



Pfc. Allen Avery

Final Rites At Sumner For Marine

SUMNER -- Funeral services were held here Tuesday, Feb. 22, for Pfc. Allen James Avery, 19, first serviceman from this area to be killed in action in South Viet Nam.

Pfc. Avery was serving with a Marine detachment in the vicinity of Da Nang Province on February 14 and died of multiple extreme burns over his entire body, received when the amphibious vehicle he was riding detonated a land mine.

Pfc. Avery was a student at Sumner high school when he enlisted in the Marine Corps December 31, 1964. He received boot and combat training at Camp Pendleton, San Diego, Calif. He went to Viet Nam in June of 1965.

In January he was assigned to line duty and at the time of his death was serving with C Company, 1st Battalion of the Third Marines as a rifleman.

He was the son of Lloyd and Helen Avery and was born at Sumner on November 28, 1946. Survivors are his parents, a brother, Terry, 8, grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Avery, Sumner.

He was preceded by his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Zummak.

Services were held Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran church, Sumner. Burial was in Union Mound Cemetery.

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