



Local Pilot Killed In Crash In Vietnam

3 August 1970



WO1 Lee Raymond Peters

Another Marshfield man has been killed in Vietnam. Warrant Officer-1, Lee R. Peters, son of Mrs. Pearl H. Peters, 1715 E. Blodgett St., was killed when the aircraft he was piloting on a military mission crashed on take-off July 30.

His mother was informed of the death Saturday. She was visiting her son, David, in Duluth, and her son Thomas Marshfield, received the notification and drove to Duluth to inform his mother; she was also personally given information by an Army officer [who visited] Sunday.

Her pilot son has been in Vietnam the past two months as a member of the 220th Aviation Company, 212th Aviation Battalion, 1st Aviation Brigade.

His body will be returned for internment here. Rembs Funeral Home [Mansfield, WI] will be in charge of the arrangements.

WO-1 Peters was born in San Pedro, California, November 23, 1948. He attended grade school and two years of high School in Hayward, Wisconsin. The family came to Marshfield in 1965 and he graduated from senior high in 1967.

He enrolled at Mid-State Technical Institute at Wisconsin Rapids and studied there a year before enlisting in the Army Dec. 28, 1968.

After basic training, the serviceman attended a Warrant Officers School in Georgia, receiving his commission there.

His father, Marvin L. Peters, who died here May 5, 1968, was a rehabilitation counselor at the Marshfield Rehabilitation Workshop.

Survivors include the warrant officers mother; his two brothers: a grandfather, Halvor Homa, Rossville, Ga., and a grandmother Mrs. Thelma Olsen, Long Beach, California.

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In a separate article, WO-1 Lee Peters was recognized posthumously for his service in Viet Nam:

Medals Given Posthumously Warrant Officer Lee R. Peters



Distinguished
Flying Cross

Bronze
Star

Air Medal

Seven medals, including the Distinguished Flying Cross, were awarded posthumously last night to Warrant Officer-1 Lee R. Peters, 21, who was killed in Viet Nam on July 30. The awards were accepted by his mother, Mrs. Pearl H. Peters, 1715 E. Blodgett St. and presented by 1st Lt. Doug Shultz, Camp McCoy.

The awards include the Bronze Star, Air Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and the Army Aviators Badge. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross "for heroism while participating in aerial flight evidenced by voluntary action above the call of duty... as pilot of a light observation airplane. While conducting a visual reconnaissance mission in the Demilitarized Zone, he discovered several large enemy bunkers and an extensive trail complex. He pinpointed the enemy location to friendly artillery and later courageously flew over the area to assess the bomb damage. Despite intense enemy fire, he further adjusted artillery strikes at the hostile position until they were completely destroyed. Acting with complete disregard for his own personal safety, his courage was instrumental in the success of the mission.

Peters had been in Vietnam for two months as a member of the 220th Aviation Company, 212th Aviation Battalion, 1st Aviation Brigade. He enlisted in the Army, December 28, 1968. Survivors besides his mother include two brothers, David and Thomas. His father died here May5, 1968.

