



Dale "Dusty" Berwyn Colvin Jr.

November 13, 1949 - July 21, 2008

Dale Berwyn "Dusty" Colvin Jr., 58, a resident of Grand Prairie, died July 21, 2008 after a brief illness. Dale, known as "Dusty" to his friends, was born November 13, 1949 in Chicago, Illinois. He was raised and attended school in Richardson, Texas, where he graduated from High School. After graduation, Dusty became a member of the U.S. Army. He proudly served a tour in Vietnam where he made a profound impression on all that served beside him. He was a paratrooper, a member of 1st Squad, 3rd Platoon, A/2503, 173d ABN BDE (Sep), serving from 1969 to 1970. His time in Viet Nam was spent in the Central Islands, including the South China Sea Coast to the borders of Laos and Cambodia. His heroic actions would result in several decorations, including the Bronze Star for Valor. Dusty was always known as a "tough guy". His duties in Viet Nam required that he carry the squads' radio that weighed 25 pounds. That was in addition to everything else, including his weapons and rations. In addition to the weight, the radio demanded additional responsibility and required someone extremely trustworthy, since it was the life-line of the squad. It also made him a high value target in the enemies' eyes. After his honorable discharge, Dusty became a machinist. He moved to Grand Prairie in 1971. He was employed for many years with Sullivan Tools in Duncanville, and most recently was working for Heartland Industries in Mansfield. Dusty enjoyed working hard, but he also enjoyed the time he spent riding his motorcycle. His pride and joy was his bike. Survivors include his loving wife, Thelma "TJ" Palafox Colvin; daughters, Nicole Palafox, Danielle Glover;

grandchildren, Savanna and Dylan; sisters, Pat Fuller and Judy Orr. Visitation: 8 until 10 a.m. Friday, July 25, 2008 at Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home, 500 E. Main Street, Grand Prairie, Texas, 75050. Graveside services with military honors will follow at 11 a.m., DFW National Cemetery, Dallas, Texas.

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