



***First Sergeant Ronnie R. Orebo, Sr.
30 December 1941 - 29 April 1985***

First Sergeant Ronnie R. Orebo, Sr. was born on 30 December 1941 in Iota, Louisiana, the first son of Horace and Lula Mae Orebo. He attended Acadia Parish School Systems before entering the Army on 19 September 1962.

During his military career, 1SG Orebo served tours of duty in Vietnam, Virginia, Washington D.C., Europe, and Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He was a Founding Night Stalker assigned to Delta Company, 160th Aviation Battalion (TF 160).

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (w/1 OLC), Air Medal (w/Numeral 2), Army Commendation Medal (w/1 OLC), Army Good Conduct Medal (w/1 Silver Knot), National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Air Assault Badge, Senior Aviation Badge, and the Jungle Expert Badge.

1SG Orebo died on 29 April 1985 as a result of a massive heart attack he suffered at his retirement dinner. He is survived by his wife, Mildred; son, Ronnie, Jr.; and daughters, Teresa and Monika. He is laid to rest in Dover, Tennessee, at Fort Donelson National Military Park Cemetery.

His sister, Sandra, has these remarkable words for her brother:

Thank you for honoring our brother and the other members of the Night Stalkers. I am one of 1SG Ronnie Orebo's 10 siblings. We are all touched by the beautiful presentation of your site. Ronnie was truly dedicated to his Country and proud to be a Night Stalker. He touched many lives with his gentleness and kindness. We love him and miss him dearly. To Ronnie, the first son of Horace and Lula Mae Orebo, who have both joined you in heaven, "You too, are the wind beneath our wings."

Peaceful Rest, Your sister, Sandra