

## SAMUEL LEE DELLOS



(1942-1966)

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Samuel Lee Dellos was born October 15, 1942 in Worland, Wyoming to Marcella Wells Dellos and Sam Dellos. He was a member of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church and schooled primarily in Ten Sleep schools. Sammy was a private first class in the Light Weapons Infantry of the U.S. Army serving in Vietnam. He died from wounds received from explosive devices (ground) and considered a ground casualty (Combat Area Casualties Current File). According to the sources given he passed away February 6, 1966 in the Republic of Vietnam—South Vietnam. Sammy never married, but his survivors were his parents and his three sisters Gloria, Janice and Victoria Dellos.

*Memories: My memory is of a quick moving, slight and blond haired young man doing the things that all boys in Ten Sleep did and hurrying along the gravel road to the Dellos house on the Ten Sleep creek near Roy Sweet property. I understood, at the announcement of his death, that he had lost both legs from a hidden land mine. Fb*

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# Ten Sleep Soldier Killed In Viet Nam

TEN SLEEP — A Ten Sleep family received word Sunday that their son had died of wounds received in action in the war in Viet Nam.

Pfc Samuel Lee Dellos, Jr., 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Dellos, died Feb. 5 in a hospital in Viet Nam, from wounds received in action the previous day with "Big Red One" — 1st division, 16th Infantry.

Two officers from Fort Carson, Colo., came to Ten Sleep Sunday to bring word of the death to the family. They said arrangements were being made to return the soldier's body here.

Funeral services will be conducted at Worland, and burial will be in Ten Sleep cemetery. Date of the funeral is pending further word from the Army.

Samuel Lee Dellos, Jr., was born Oct. 15, 1942, in Worland. He had spent most of his life in the Ten

Sleep area, attending schools there and graduating from Ten Sleep high school in 1960.

He was employed by the Forest Service and also by Western Geophysical in various areas before entering the Army in June, 1964. He took his boot training at Fort



**PFC. SAMUEL L. DELLOS, JR.**

Ord, Calif., and was transferred to Viet Nam with the 1st division, 16th Infantry in October, 1965.

Besides his parents, he is survived by three sisters, Mrs. James Hartung of Chicago, Ill., Mrs. Larry Warner of Ten Sleep, and Victoria Dellos, a student at Mt. Ellis academy in Bozeman, Mont.





**PRESENTS PURPLE HEART** — Col. John L. Erickson (left) Monday presented posthumously the Purple Heart and Citation awards to the parents of Pfc. Samuel L. Dellos, who died in Viet Nam Feb. 6. The awards were presented to Mrs. Dellos (second from left) and Mr. Dellos (right). Also present was Mrs. Larry Warner, sister of the deceased veteran, the first from Washakie county to give his life in the Viet Nam war. (DAILY NEWS photo.)

## Purple Heart Citation Are Presented

Col. John L. Erickson, Fifth U. S. Army Advisor, Monday presented a Purple Heart and Citation to Samuel L. Dellos and Mrs. Samuel Dellos.

The Purple Heart award was awarded posthumously to Samuel L. Dellos, U.S. Army for wounds received in action in Vietnam which resulted in his death in 1966.

Col. Erickson and Capt. Cullimore, also with the group, flew to Worland and made the presentation to Ten Sleep.

Dellos died in a Vietnam hospital from wounds received in action with the "Big Red" 1st division, 16th Infantry.

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He was employed by the U.S. Service and also by Westinghouse in various areas before entering the Army in June 1960.

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