

Kenneth M. Branaman

Occupant Name: Kenneth M. Branaman

Location: Section FE

Date of Birth: 1/10/1945

Date of Death: 7/19/1966

Date of Burial: 7/23/1966

Veteran: Yes

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:

Military Rites Set Friday For Soldier Killed In War

Private First Class Kenneth Merle Branaman, third Jack-son County soldier to die in the Viet Nam war this year, will be buried with full military honors Friday afternoon in Fairview Cemetery in Browns- town.

He had been serving on a machine gun crew as an ammu- nition carrier. The officer later reported he had received a special delivery letter stating Pfc. Branaman was fatally wounded in the head by a hand grenade or other light explosive.

Pfc. Branaman, who had been in the service less than a year, had a number of military awards to his credit. He was holder of the National Defense Service Ribbon, Viet Nam Service Medal, S.P.S. Rifle Medal and Combat Infantry- man's Badge.

Pfc. Branaman, who had served in Viet Nam since Feb- ruary of this year, also has been awarded the Purple Heart, posthumously.

Other survivors include two sisters, Miss Rita Gale Brana- man, at home, and Mrs. Lo- retta MacKinnon of Indianapo- lis; six brothers, Glen Brana- man of Clearspring, Bernard Branaman of Norman, Darrell Branaman of Seymour, and Jerry, Gerald Dean and Larry Gene Branaman, all at home; two grandmothers, Mrs. Mable Gray of Ewing and Mrs. Ef- ily Branaman, of Elizabeth- town.

A military detachment from Fort Benjamin Harrison in In- dianapolis will conduct the rites. Preceding the military rites, funeral services for Pfc. Bran- aman, who died last week of combat wounds in Viet Nam, will be conducted at 2 p. m. from the Winklepleck Funeral Home in Brownstown. The Rev. Harold Barnett, Christian min- ister from Austin, will be in charge.

Friends may call after 2 p. m. Thursday at the Winklepleck Funeral Home at Brownstown.

Pfc. Branaman was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Onis G. Brana- man, Seymour R3.

Pfc. Branaman's body, es- corted by S/Sgt. Jesse C. John- son, will arrive in Indianapolis about 12:45 a. m. Thursday.

Few details have been learned about the 21-year-old soldier's death.

An Army officer told the fam- ily Pfc. Branaman suffered a fatal metal fragment wound.

