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Slocum Soldier Dies of Wounds In Viet Nam

Sergant Ronnie Joe Fullerton

Funeral services for Infantry Sergeant Ronnie Joe Fullerton, 21, of Slocum, were held Tuesday, January 21, in the Hassell and Foster Chapel in Palestine. Rev. W. C. Littleton and Rev. Raymond Gary officiated with burial in Strong Memorial Park near Slocum.

Pallbearers were Bobby Don Jones, Doyle Hancock, Mickey Wortham, Mike Vickery, Glenn Patterson, Elwin Hagon and Jerry Gibson.

Sgt. Fullerton died Sunday, January 12, in Quang Tri hospital in Vietnam from gunshot wounds received in combat.

The son of Mrs. Louvella Lasiter Fullerton of Slocum and the late Ross Fullerton, he was born in Palestine on December 2, 1947 and spent his entire life in Slocum prior to entering the service. A member of the Slocum Baptist Church and a 1966 graduate of Slocum High School, he had been employed in oilfield work by Carrizo Drilling Company and B. M. Jackson Drilling Company before going into the Army.

He is survived by his widown Claudia Scarborough Fullerton of Palestine; his mother; grand patents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Lasiter of Palestine; and a sister, Mrs. Joe W. (Judy Nan) Chaffin of Slocum.

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