



Corporal Allen E. Oatney

Corporal Oatney was born on Oct 4, 1949 and graduated from Valley Heights High School in 1969. After graduation he was drafted into the U.S. Army via the Selective Service System and received training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and Fort Ord, California. After training, he returned to Waterville to marry his high school sweetheart, Maxine Anderson, on February 21, 1970, before deploying to Vietnam.

He arrived in the Republic of Vietnam on March 10, 1970 leaving behind his wife who was with child. He was assigned to D Company, 5th Battalion, 12th Infantry, 199th Light Infantry Brigade conducting operations in Cambodia when on June 22, 1970 he was killed by hostile enemy small arms fire.

Allen spent most of his life in and around the Manhattan and Waterville communities. He was baptized in the Methodist Church in Waterville in 1952. He loved hunting and fishing and was a member of the 4-H club and football team. He was employed by the COOP elevator in Barnes when he was called up to serve his country.

Funeral services were held on June 30, 1970 at the Methodist Church in Waterville. He was buried in the Riverside Cemetery in Waterville, Kansas with full military honors provided by a honor guard from Fort Riley.

His son, Toby, was born after his father's death.