

MEMORIAL DEDICATION
IN HONOR OF
1LT. WILLIAM ELLIS GAY, JR.
KILLED IN ACTION 30 MAY 1970
CAMBODIA

SHEPHERD SPINAL CENTER

10:00 AM — 2020 PEACHTREE RD., N.E. — 31 MAY 1993

Patriotic Selections	Army Ground Forces Band, Ft. McPherson
Commencement Ceremony	ATHOLL Highlanders Pipe Band
Welcome	Steven J. Martin, President, Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association
Presentation of Colors	Forces Command Color Guard, Ft. McPherson
National Anthem	Army Ground Forces Band
Invocation	Rev. Philip Gage, S.M., Marist School
Introduction of Speaker	Steven J. Martin
Dedication Address	Charles P. Graham, Lieutenant General U.S. Army (Retired)
Unveiling / Memorial Plaque:	Family Members
Presentation	Michael Walsh and Rick Lester
Amazing Grace	ATHOLL Highlanders Pipe Band
Benediction	Rev. Philip Gage, S.M.
Taps	Army Ground Forces Band
Retirement of Colors	Forces Command Color Guard

THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH OAK LEAF CLUSTER AND THE PURPLE HEART
WERE POSTHUMOUSLY AWARDED TO
1LT. WILLIAM ELLIS GAY, JR.
COMPANY E 3RD BATTALION, 22ND REGIMENT 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION UNITED STATES ARMY

First Lieutenant William Ellis Gay, Jr. was born at Walter Reed Hospital May 21, 1945. His father was a major in the United States Army. His family returned to Atlanta in 1945 and he grew up in the Collier Hills neighborhood. As a child, he would come and play at Villa Clare (named for Lt. Gay's Great Grandmother) which is now Shepherd's Spinal Center at 2020 Peachtree Rd. Lt. Gay attended Christ the King School and completed course work in 1958; attended Marist School and graduated 1963. After graduating from the University of Georgia in 1967, Lt. Gay joined the Army and went to basic training at Ft. Benning in Columbus, Georgia. Upon completion, he was accepted into the officer candidate school at Ft. Benning and graduated as a 2nd Lt. Infantry Officer class no. 56, March 1969. After stateside duty, he received orders assigning him to the 25th Infantry Division then stationed in Chu Chi, Vietnam. Lt. Gay arrived in Vietnam in 1969 and became a platoon leader for Company E, 3rd Battalion, 22nd Regiment, 25th Infantry Division. On May 30, 1970, Lt. Gay, the reconnaissance platoon leader, was in his jeep and charged with providing security for a convoy. At approximately 3:20 P.M. the convoy received enemy rocket propelled grenade fire and Lt. Gay was killed by enemy fire. A memorial service was conducted by his unit in Vietnam and thereafter his remains were shipped home and now lie in West View cemetery. Lt. Gay's devotion to duty and that of his fallen comrades was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. He bravely gave his life for his country.

"TO THOSE WHO FIGHT FOR IT, LIFE HAS A FLAVOR THE PROTECTED NEVER KNOW."

This Dedication Ceremony is sponsored by The **Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association (AVVBA)**, whose purpose is to honor those who served and those who gave their lives in the Vietnam War, and to promote a positive image of the Vietnam Veteran to the business community and the Public.

PAST MEMORIAL RECIPIENTS AND LOCATIONS

1992	CPL RICHARD F.. SUTTER	UNDERGROUND ATLANTA
1991	WO FRANCES McDOWELL, JR.	CONCOURSE A - HARTSFIELD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
1990	PFC JOEL C. ROPER US ARMY	CONCOURSE OFFICE COMPLEX TOWER COURTYARD
1989	CWO ROBERT N. SAULS US ARMY	PEACHTREE CENTER COURTYARD
1988	1LT GARY C. JONES US ARMY	CNN CENTER ATRIUM
1987	LT JOHN L. FULLER	GALLERIA COMPLEX