

CHRISTENSEN, Alvin Peter

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Spring Valley Township
June 18, 1968
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VIETNAM WAR CLAIMS SECOND VIBORG LIFE

ALVIN P. CHRISTENSEN
LOSES LIFE IN VIET NAM

Funeral services are pending for P.F.C. Alvin P. Christensen who lost his life in Viet Nam. He was the second from here to lose his life in this war. Gary A. Larsen was killed in Viet Nam on March 4th.

His parents, Audley Christensen and Clara, were notified Thursday morning of last week that their son Alvin died on June 18th in



Viet Nam, a victim of hostile action, from wounds received on June 17th. Details surrounding the events which led to his death are still unconfirmed and are still forthcoming.

Tentative services are being planned from the First Baptist Church with burial in the Spring Valley Baptist Cemetery.

Alvin, who was 23 at the time of his death, joined the army in December of 1967 and had been in Viet Nam since the first part of May. He had just spent a furlough here the latter part of April with his parents and home folks.

LAST RITES HELD FOR ALVIN CHRISTENSEN

Funeral services for P.F.C. Alvin P. Christensen were held from the First Baptist Church, Viborg, on Monday afternoon, July 1st, with Rev. K. L. Peterson officiating. Mrs. Everett Nelson was the organist and Mr. Roger Anderson was the soloist. Honorary pallbearers were Robert Jacobson, Bill Jacobson, Charles Sorenson, Dennis Helgager, Larry Goette, and Victor Hansen. Interment was in the Spring Valley Baptist Cemetery.

Alvin Peter Christensen was born to Audley and Clara Christensen on March 10, 1945, on the farm in Spring Valley Township. He lived on the farm with his parents, attended school there until the fifth grade when the family moved to Viborg. He participated in the Cub Scouts and the Boy Scouts of Viborg and was working toward his God and Country Award.

He worked on various farms in the area and began his own carpenter business about two years ago.

He was drafted into the army on November 21, 1967 and received his basic training at Fort Lewis, Washington. He was home on leave on the 14th of April of this year and reported for duty in Vietnam on May 5, 1968. He was attached to the First Infantry Division and was wounded in action on June 17 and died of those wounds on June 18, 1968, at a Base Hospital in Vietnam.

He is survived by his parents and three sisters: Elizabeth (Mrs. Jack Terrill), Wakonda; Joan (Mrs. Kenneth Jacobson) Wakonda; and Joy (Mrs. Duane Luke), Parker, and many other relatives and friends.