## Staff Sergeant Clinton Gault SC Alumni – US Marine Inducted into the SC Hall of Fame October 15, 2010

Staff Sergeant Clinton Monroe Gault Jr. was born on October 17, 1939 in Casa Grande, AZ. He was reared with his family in Eloy, AZ. He attended elementary school in Eloy and graduated from Santa Cruz Valley Union High School 1958.

After graduating from Santa Cruz High, Gault enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corp in 1959 and plan to make a career as a military service man. Staff Sergeant Gault served as an Infantry Unit Leader with the F Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> BN, 26<sup>th</sup> Marines, 1<sup>st</sup> Mar Division, III MAF unit. He was a Drill Instructor at Parris Island SC. Recruit Depot before he was called up to serve in the Vietnam War in October of 1968.

On October 28, 1968 under a hostile attack of artillery, rockets and mortar in Quang Nam Province, South Vietnam, Staff Sergeant Gault lost his life during the attack. He was 29 years old.

Clinton received countless awards including the Purple Heart, National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Award and the Vietnam Campaign Medal. He also received the US Marine Corps Medal as well as the III MAF, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division and 26<sup>th</sup> Marines patch. He is remembered as a master marksman and an excellent leader.

Staff Sergeant Clinton Monroe Gault, Jr. was survived by his wife Maria, a son Dale and a daughter Linda; his parents Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Gault and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Grimes; eight sister Barbara Gault, Kay Gault, Nancy Gault, Debbie Gault, Frances Grimes, Mildred Grimes, Ellen Grimes and Bertha Mae Grimes; two brothers Kenneth Grimes and Mike Gault. He was proceeded in death by a brother, Tommy Grimes who served in the Korean War and was declared Missing In Action in 1950

Clinton Monroe Gault, Jr
Staff Sergeant E6
F CO, 2ND BN, 26TH MARINES, 1ST MARDIV, III MAF
United States Marine Corps

Eloy, Arizona
October 17, 1939 to October 28, 1968
CLINTON M GAULT Jr is on the Wall at Panel 40W Line 049



