## **Private Sisto Bojorquez**

## Arizona Native – Soldier Inducted into the SC Hall of Fame October 15, 2010

Private Sisto Bojorquez Bojorquez was born on March 2, 1945 in Gadsden, AZ. In 1949, he moved to Eloy with his family and graduated from Elementary School in Eloy. He worked for John F. Nutt Farms after finishing elementary school until he joined the Army. Sisto received his basic training at Fort Bliss in Texas and his specialist training at Fort Polk, Louisiana.

In May of 1967, Sisto left Eloy to the join the U.S. Army. A member C company, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion 31<sup>st</sup> Infantry in the 196th Infantry BDE, Americal Division of the US Army, Bojorquez's first assignment was deployment to Vietnam in November of 1967. He was 22 years old. He fought in the war zone for less than two months before his death.

On January 9, 1968, under a hostile ground attack in Quang Tin Province, South Vietnam, Sisto B. Bojorquez's life and service to our country ended.

Sisto received countless awards after his death including the Purple Heart, Military Service Award, Vietnam Service Award and the Vietnam Campaign Medal. Yet, the ones that holds true of the badges of valor are those that he shared with this comrades of the 196th Infantry BDE Badge along with the 31<sup>st</sup> Infantry Badge, the US ARV and the Americal Division. He also received the Combat Infantry Badge. It is these service men, and their families that we honor for giving the ultimate price to protect our country's Freedom.

Sisto was survived by his mother, Lupe Bojorquez, two brothers, Henry and Pedro and a sister Aurelia. Sisto will always be remembered as a hard working, focused young man with a sincere dedication to his family. School classmates, a countless number of Eloy neighbors and friends also remember him as well as the many friends he made while serving in our country's Military Service.

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March 02, 1945 to January 09, 1968 SISTO B BOJORQUEZ is on the Wall at Panel 34E Line 005

