



Remembrance



Vietnam Faces of the Fallen Princeton Class of 1966

Joseph Gales Greenleaf

Joe Greenleaf was born October 6, 1944, in Boston, the son of Dr. Henry and Elizabeth Greenleaf. He attended the Kingswood School in West Hartford, Connecticut, where he was active in sports and student government. Joe gained admission to the U. S. Naval Academy, but he elected to enter Princeton, where he enrolled in the Navy ROTC program and excelled while majoring in aerospace and mechanical engineering and a member of Tower Club.

Upon graduation and commissioning, he was assigned duty on the destroyer U.S.S. Edson and completed a tour in Vietnam. Then on to flight school at Pensacola, Florida, followed by duty at Andrews AFB, near Washington, D.C., and special flight training in San Diego. Lieutenant Joseph Gales Greenleaf, USN, was killed on April 14, 1972, in South Vietnam when the aircraft he was piloting in a bombing mission was shot down about eight miles south of the DMZ near Cam Lo. Joe and his co-pilot, who was also killed, were part of Fighter Squadron 114 stationed aboard the U.S.S. Kitty Hawk.



Joe is remembered for his personal warmth, genuine likable nature and positive approach to life. He set high standards for himself and lived by them. From an early age he aimed at a career as a naval officer. His commanding officer wrote of him: "Joe was a truly outstanding individual in all respects and. . . was happiest when he was flying. . . I was tremendously impressed by his outstanding performance as a Naval officer and his exceptional ability as a pilot." Memorial services were held on board the U.S.S. Kitty Hawk and in Connecticut. To Joe's wife, Marcia, his parents and brother Hank and sister Betsy, we send our sympathy. (PAW, June 27, 1972)

Biography created by Uniting US, a veteran led nonprofit with a mission to honor service and recognize the sacrifice military service requires of the military member, family members, and communities. **Remembrance – Vietnam Faces of the Fallen Princeton Class of 1966** is a documentary featuring the portraits and stories of the five 1966 alumni who lost their lives in military service during the Vietnam War era. Honoring the fallen heroes and all who have served the Nation, classmates and friends share perspectives about student life on campus, Vietnam experiences after graduation, and 60 years of personal reflections.

The Remembrance artwork, film, and additional materials were created and compiled by UnitingUS.org. Uniting US veteran artist Alicia Christy, MD, Army Col (ret.), Princeton Class of '77 and veteran artist Patrick Dowden, Coast Guard (ret.) created the portraits and Remembrance artwork. Learn more about Uniting US and these artists at UNITINGUS.ORG.

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JOSEPH GALES GREENLEAF	
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Middlesex County	
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BRANCH OF SERVICE	
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