

Just Fade Away

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Today we gather here to lay to rest one of
our own, an old airman that's done his very
best! He served and fought in that unpopular
jungle war, over forty years ago.
Few remember, but he will be honored by those
who still care.
Time marches on, new wars rage on, and new
heroes are born.
But the old airman knows, that "Old soldiers never die,
they just fade away."
He will always be honored, for he has marched with heroes,
from the jungle wars of yesterday!

Jackie R. Kays
DaNang-1965

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Jackie's stories, heartfelt poetry, and honored status as a true VSPA hero, will be greatly missed and fondly remembered.

Jackie, it was a privilege to have served with you at Da Nang in 1965 and on the day of your valor and heroic rescue of a crashed aircraft crew from wreckage in the minefield. We have marched with you through the decades and are honored for having done so. It is not that you will not be forgotten!...you could not be forgotten by us—*ever*.

Don Poss,
Da Nang 1965-1966, K-9 Blackie 129X