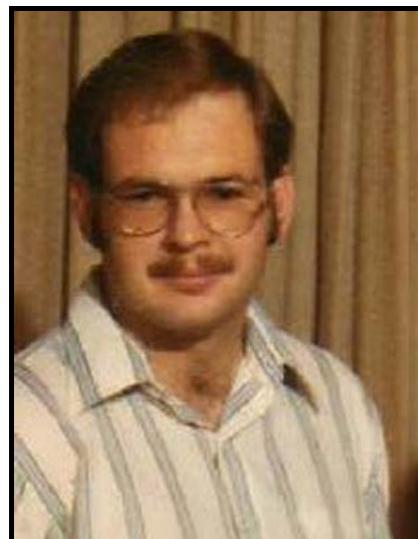


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SCOTT LEE BIRKET
A1C - E3 - Air Force - Regular
Casualty was on Sep 30, 1972
In QUANG NAM, SOUTH VIETNAM
NON-HOSTILE, GROUND CASUALTY
Body was recovered
Panel 01W - Line 76

by Michael Douglas

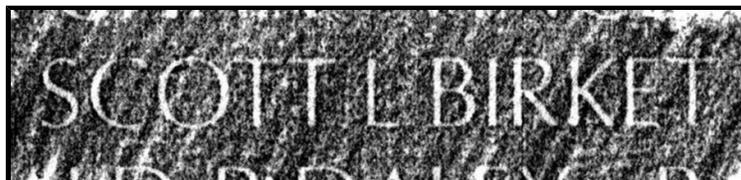


You were my friend, Scott, and when I heard you had died a month after I left country, I couldn't believe it. I assumed that we'd both get out alive and be able to meet and laugh together again. Thanks for helping me get through my year, God I was happy to leave. I'm only sorry I wasn't there to help you as well. I don't know the circumstances of your death, but wish I did. I'm troubled by it, even after all these years. I miss you and think of you often, almost every day. You represent the lost youth in all of us... we that survived grew old before our time. I feel like part of my heart is missing when I think of you and our 58,000 brothers. I remember you fondly... and the friendship we shared. Today I try to live my life honorably, because I live for you as well, my friend. We'll meet again someday... with a tear and a laugh and a hug!

Michael Douglas

*"They shall not grow old as we that are left behind grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them... "
- from "For the Fallen" by Laurence Binyon -*

Michael Douglas and Stephen Birket served together in the 366th Security Police Squadron, a unit of the 366th Tactical Fighter Wing at Đà Nẵng Air Base. On 27 June 1972 the 366th TFW departed Đà Nẵng for Takhli RTAFB, Thailand, and the 366th SPS went with the wing - but in name only. The 366th's Airmen stayed at Đà Nẵng, redesignated as the 6498th Security Police Squadron under the newly organized 6498th Air Base Wing.



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