

# Sgt. Mills Is Killed In Action



Roger Mills

(taken at time of his graduation in 1964)

Sgt. Roger B. Mills, 21, of Havre de Grace, was reported killed in action during a Viet Cong attack on Tan Son Nhut airport in Saigon last Wednesday, according to advice received from the Defense Department by his mother, Mrs. Bertha L. Mills.

Sgt. Mills, an air policeman, had been in Vietnam on his second year of duty, since the end of December. He served his first tour in 1966, and was stationed in Saigon on both tours. The Sergeant, according to his mother requested a six-month extension of his Air Force duty, in order to complete his second year there, "in an effort to do what he could for the cause". His four year enlistment was to end in July of this year, after which he hoped to become a policeman in Washington, D.C.

Born in Brooklyn, Baltimore, Sgt. Mills had spent most of his life in Havre de Grace, and before enlisting in the Air Force resided with his mother at the B. & H. Trailer Park. He was a graduate of Aberdeen High School, Class of 1964, where he was a football halfback, and also wrestled there. He played football while stationed at Fort Meyer in Washington before being sent to Vietnam.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his father, Roger Mack Mills, a brother, Ralph Mills, and a sister, Hazel Mills, both of Havre de Grace.



Sgt. Roger B. Mills

Casualty: Jan 1 1968

**ROGER BERTHA MILLS**  
Major Award: Silver Star

SGT - Air Force - Regular  
21 year old Single, Caucasian, Male  
Born on Aug 30, 1946  
From HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND  
Length of service 3 years.  
His tour of duty began on Dec 29, 1967  
Casualty was on Jan 31, 1968 (TET)  
in GIA DINH, SOUTH VIETNAM  
HOSTILE, GROUND CASUALTY  
ARTILLERY, ROCKET, or MORTAR  
Body was recovered  
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*Sgt Mills was one of five sergeants assigned to a key bunker (O-51) on 31 Jan 1968, when an overwhelming enemy force attacked Tân Sơn Nhứt AB. Four of the five sergeants were killed in action. Their heroic defense and combat actions delaying Viet Cong and North Vietnamese soldiers played the key role in allowing USAF and Army forces to gather in sufficient strength to defeat the enemy. Heroic, is too small a word to describe their valor, which no doubt saved many lives that day. Don Poss*

Thank you for posting the photos of *Butch* on the [Findagrave.com](http://Findagrave.com) website. Our family truly appreciates those photos as we have very few. Also, THANK YOU for your service to our country.

**This is how my connection to Butch is:** My name is Rozie Waldron and my husband is Guy Kirby Waldron. Roger was his cousin. Kirby's Mother, Celestine Mills-Waldron, was Roger's Aunt and she was the sister to Roger Mack Mills who was his father.

Would you mind if I used your photos for ancestry purposes? I would share them with family and on my family tree on ancestry.com. Although not a blood relative to the Mills, I have become their family historian and collector of stories & photos. If

you have any photos you would care to share about *Butch*, I'd love to have them. My husband and I are also Veterans having served in the US Navy, and I've done a lot of research on the men and women of our families that have served in the military in hopes of ensuring that they are each honored.

If you have the photos scanned would you mind emailing them to me at [waldron.rm@gmail.com](mailto:waldron.rm@gmail.com) (this is the email I use solely for ancestry purposes).

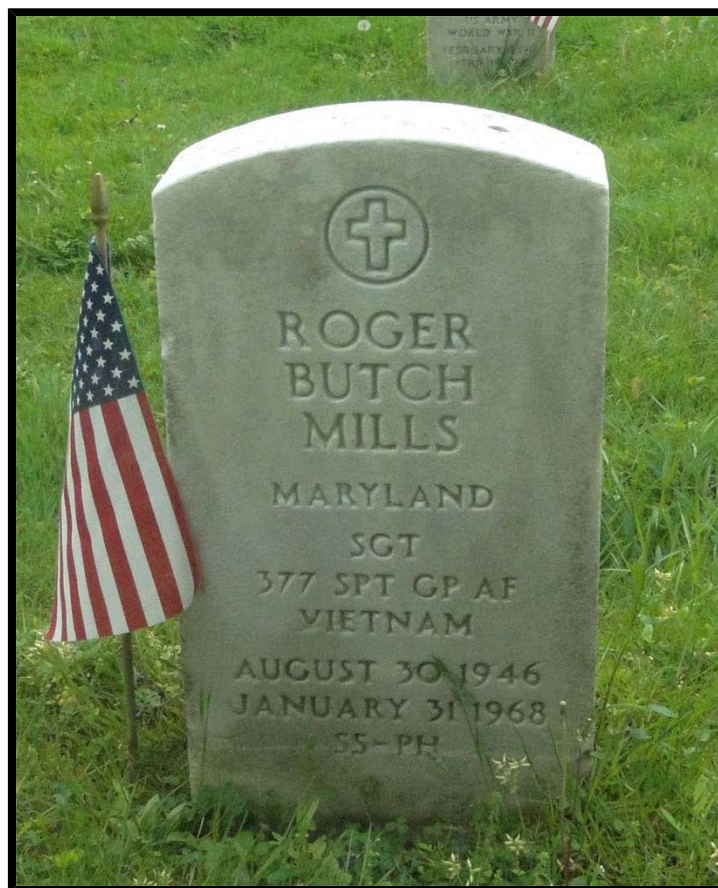
Thank you again for the volunteer work you've done with Findagrave.com, for posting the photos of Butch and for considering my request.

Have a blessed day!

Rozie Waldron



**Sgt Mills, Roger Bertha, Cemetery.**  
USAF KIA, 31-Jan-1968 (TET)  
Tan Son Nhút AB, SVN, 377th Security Police Squadron.  
**Burial, U.S. Army Cemetery, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland.**



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