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**THE WALL**

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Vietnam Security Police Association Chaplain Jim Stastny  
(USAF Korea, 388th Security Police Squadron K-9, 1970-71)  
remembering SF4 William Rassano (4th Infantry, 2 Mar. 68).

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I pause in silence on the Mall  
To spend some time and touch this wall  
With names forever etched in stone  
Of those who died so far from home.

This is for me such sacred ground  
With names of heroes all around  
Where some may come with hearts to mend  
Or leave their letters to a friend

While others visit loved ones lost  
Reflecting on what freedom cost  
Or tell a youngster's eager ears  
About those very troubled years

Whatever reason brings you here  
To just reflect or shed a tear  
I doubt that you will be the same  
As what you were, before you came

Because you'll find these names in stone  
Of those who died so far from home  
Will be engraved for all of time  
Upon your heart as, they are mine.

*We Take Care of Our Own*

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