

## Memorial Teddy Bear with Flags, Roses, and Newspaper Clipping, 1999



Drafted into the United States Army in 1966, Robert and Billy Pfeister, the twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. George Pfeister of Louisville, served in Vietnam. Only Billy survived. He left this tribute to Robert at the Kentucky Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The brothers both became assault-helicopter crew chiefs with the rank of specialist fourth class and asked to serve together. Caught in a mortar attack on their helicopter base at Kontum in Vietnam, on January 10, 1968, Robert was killed and Billy was wounded.

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