



## James Colt Rodden

January 31, 1948 - August 5, 2012

Military graveside services for James C. Rodden, 64 of Waco will be held 9:00 AM Sunday, August 19, 2012 in the Smyrna Cemetery near Milano. James Colt Rodden was born in Odessa to Travis Marshall and Wanda Mildred (Thomason) Rodden. He was a 1968 graduate of Ector High School. James served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, 101st Airborne Division, Co. D., 3rd Bn, 187th Infantry the "Screaming Eagles" and was known to his comrades in arms simply as "Tex." He spent the last months of his tour (1968-1969) in the A Shau Valley participating in the assault on Hamburger Hill. James received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 4 Bronze Service Stars; Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medals; Combat Infantryman Badge; Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medals; as well as Marksman and Air Medals. He attended Odessa Junior College after his tour of duty and worked in the oilfield as a welder and pipe-liner until he retired to the family farm in Milano. He married Candy McMillan in 1984 and was blessed to acquire one son through that marriage, Joshua C. Martin and was further blessed when their son, Jacob C. Rodden was born to them. James passed away Saturday, August 4, 2012 in Waco. He was preceded in death by his father, his brother, Marshall Rodden; his nephew, Michael Streicher; and beloved grandparents. He is survived by his two sons; his mother, Mildred Rodden; his grandson, Isaiah Martin; one sister, Wanda Streicher; nephew and niece, Jason Streicher and Amy Howeth and great nieces, Ana Howeth and Erica Pipkin. Honorary pallbearers are Travis Rodden, Marshall Rodden,

Jacob Rodden, Joshua Martin, Jason Streicher, Michael Streicher, Jada Thacker, Booger Red Thomason, Jerome Dias, John McMillan and comrades in arms-Zorro, Thomas Scully, Casey and Paul.