



## WOMEN ON THE WALL

While most of the military casualties of the war were men, there are eight women on the Wall Memorial, all nurses. They are:

CPT Eleanor Grace ALEXANDER (31E 008)  
2LT Pamela Dorothy DONOVAN (53W 043)  
2LT Carol Ann DRAZBA (05E 046)  
LTC Annie Ruth GRAHAM (48W 012)  
2LT Elizabeth Ann JONES (05E 047)  
CPT Mary Therese KLINKER (01W 122)  
1LT Sharon Ann LANE (23W 112)  
1LT Hedwig Diane ORLOWSKI (31E 015)

In November 1993, the women who served in Vietnam were honored with the dedication of their own memorial. Vietnam Women's Memorial is an eight foot tall bronze statue depicting two women and a male casualty. It was designed by Glenna Goodacre and is surrounded by eight yellowwood trees representing the eight military women who died in the conflict.

## AMERICAN MILITARY AND CIVILIAN FEMALE CASUALTIES

### MILITARY

#### U.S. Army

2nd Lt. Carol Ann Elizabeth Drazba  
2nd Lt. Elizabeth Ann Jones

Lt. Drazba and Lt. Jones were assigned to the 3rd Field Hospital in Saigon. They died in a helicopter crash near Saigon, February 18, 1966. Drazba was from Dunmore, PA, Jones from Allendale, SC. Both were 22 years old.

Capt. Eleanor Grace Alexander  
1st Lt. Hedwig Diane Orłowski

Capt. Alexander of Westwood, NJ, and Lt. Orłowski of Detroit, MI, died November 30, 1967. Alexander, stationed at the 85th Evac., and Orłowski, stationed at the 67th Evac. in Qui Nhon, had been sent to a hospital in Pleiku to help out during a push. With them when their plane crashed on the return trip to Qui Nhon were two other nurses, Jerome E. Olmstead of Clintonville, WI, and Kenneth R. Shoemaker, Jr. of Owensboro, KY. Alexander was 27, Orłowski 23. Both were posthumously awarded Bronze Stars.



2nd Lt. Pamela Dorothy Donovan

Lt. Donovan, from Allston, MA, became seriously ill and died on July 8, 1968. She was assigned to the 85th Evac. in Qui Nhon. She was 26 years old.

1st Lt. Sharon Ann Lane

Lt. Lane died from shrapnel wounds when the 312th Evac. at Chu Lai was hit by rockets on June 8, 1969. From Canton, OH, she was a month short of her 26th birthday. She was posthumously awarded the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm and the Bronze Star for Heroism. In 1970, the recovery room at Fitzsimmons Army Hospital in Denver, where Lt. Lane had been assigned before going to Viet Nam, was dedicated in her honor. In 1973, Aultman Hospital in Canton, OH, where Lane had attended nursing school, erected a bronze statue of Lane. The names of 110 local servicemen killed in Vietnam are on the base of the statue.

Lt. Col. Annie Ruth Graham, Chief Nurse at 91st Evac. Hospital, Tuy Hoa

Lt. Col. Graham, Chief Nurse, 91st Evacuation Hospital, 43rd Medical Group, 44th Medical Brigade, Tuy Hoa, from Efland, NC, suffered a stroke and was evacuated to Japan where she died four days later on August 14, 1968. A veteran of both World War II and Korea, she was 52.

U.S. Air Force

Capt. Mary Therese Klinker

Capt. Klinker, a flight nurse with the 10th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, Travis Air Force Base, temporarily assigned to Clark Air Base in the Philippines, was on the C-5A Galaxy which crashed on April 4, 1975, outside Saigon while evacuating Vietnamese orphans. This is known as the Operation Babylift crash. From Lafayette, IN, she was 27. She was posthumously awarded the Airman's Medal for Heroism and the Meritorious Service Medal.

U.S. Department of the Navy OICC (Officer in Charge of Construction)

Regina "Reggie" Williams  
Died of a heart attack in Saigon, 1964.

CIVILIAN

Catholic Relief Services

Gloria Redlin  
Shot to death in Pleiku, 1969.



Central Intelligence Agency:

Barbara Robbins

Died when a car bomb exploded outside the American Embassy, Saigon, March 30, 1965.

Betty Gebhardt

Died in Saigon, 1971.

United States Agency for International Development:

Marilyn L. Allan

Murdered by a U.S. soldier in Nha Trang, August 16, 1967.

Dr. Breen Ratterman (American Medical Association)

Died from injuries suffered in a fall from her apartment balcony in Saigon, October 2, 1969

Journalists

Georgette "Dickey" Chapelle

Killed by a mine on patrol with Marines outside Chu Lai, 1965.

Philippa Schuyler

Killed in a helicopter crash into the ocean near Da Nang, May 9, 1967.

Missionaries

Carolyn Griswald

Killed in raid on leprosarium in Ban Me Thuot during Tet 1968.

Janie A. Makil

Shot to death in an ambush, Dalat, March 4, 1963. Janie was five months old.

Ruth Thompson

Killed in raid on leprosarium in Ban Me Thuot during Tet, February 1, 1968.

Ruth Wilting

Killed in raid on leprosarium in Ban Me Thuot during Tet, February 1, 1968.



## POW/MIA

Evelyn Anderson

Captured and burned to death in Kengkok, Laos, 1972.

Remains recovered and returned to U.S.

Beatrice Kosin

Captured and burned to death in Kengkok, Laos, 1972.

Remains recovered and returned to U.S.

Betty Ann Olsen

Captured during raid on leprosarium in Ban Me Thuot during Tet 1968. Died in 1968 and was buried somewhere along Ho Chi Minh Trail by fellow POW, Michael Bengé. Remains not recovered.

Eleanor Ardel Vietti

Captured at leprosarium in Ban Me Thuot, May 30, 1962. Still listed as POW.

## Operation Babylift

The following women were killed in the crash, outside Saigon, of the C5-A Galaxy transporting Vietnamese children out of the country on April 4, 1975. All of the women were working for various U.S. government agencies in Saigon at the time of their deaths with the exception of Theresa Drye (a child) and Laurie Stark (a teacher). Sharon Wesley had previously worked for both the American Red Cross and Army Special Services. She chose to stay on in Vietnam after the pullout of U.S. military forces in 1973.

Barbara Adams

Clara Bayot

Nova Bell

Arleta Bertwell

Helen Blackburn

Ann Bottorff

Celeste Brown

Vivienne Clark

Juanita Creel

Mary Ann Crouch

Dorothy Curtiss

Twila Donelson

Helen Drye

Theresa Drye

Mary Lyn Eichen

Elizabeth Fugino

Ruthanne Gasper

Beverly Herbert

Penelope Hindman



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Vera Hollibaugh  
Dorothy Howard  
Barbara Kauvulia  
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Martha Middlebrook  
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