

CPL Richard Elroy Perez

Born 12/2/1948
Pasadena

Died: 9/6/1969

Period of Service: Viet Nam

Source: Monument,
Cemetery 151 S, B10 F2a,
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He moved to the Island with his parents as a young lad, Thor and Mae Williamson in the Spring of 1965. He attended the Island school, graduating with the class of 1967.

He joined the Marine Corps in March of 1968. After training he was sent to Viet Nam and was killed one year later. He was the first Island resident killed in Viet Nam. He was given a full military funeral from Bethel church and to the cemetery on September 23, 1969. A picture of the ceremony is in the Island archives.

He had three brothers, Mario who was in the Navy, Kenneth and Marty, and three sisters Beverly, Bonnie and Becky.

