

**NAME:** Elmer L. Holden

**RANK:** Staff Sergeant

**DATE OF LOSS:** 09 Jun 68

**COUNTRY OF LOSS:** South Vietnam

**DATE OF BIRTH:** 19 Feb 44

**HOME OF RECORD:** Oklahoma City OK

**CURRENT STATUS:** Killed in Action/Body Not Recovered

**UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT:** 37 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, DaNang AB VS

**CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS:** Sergeant Holden was the flight engineer of an HH-3E helicopter which was on a rescue mission when he was reported missing in action. While in the process of picking up a downed pilot, the helicopter was struck by hostile gunfire, fell to the ground in flames and disintegrated. Evidence of death was received in the Department of the Air Force on 11 June 1968 that Sergeant Holden died at the time of the incident. Since his remains have not been recovered and returned, he is listed by the Department of Defense as unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.