

A LETTER TO A FALLEN SOLDIER

Children can sometimes teach us much. Elementary school student, Lily Scallion, granddaughter of former Hillsboro resident, Debbie Fehring Pitsos, was given an assignment of writing to a fallen soldier. Mark Hook, a fellow 1967 HHS graduate of Mrs. Pitsos, was her choice. Mark was killed in Vietnam.

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Dear PVT. Mark Hook,

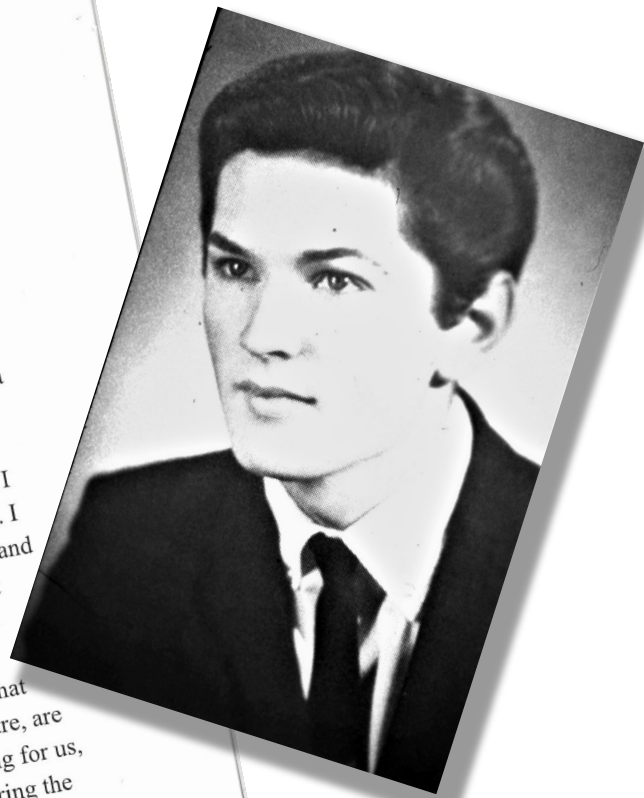
I am sorry you died so young. I would like to thank you for all the wonderful things you have done for our country. I want to let you know that my family cares very much about you. My Grandma said that she sang at your funeral and she remembers sitting there crying. Her name is Debbie Fehring and she wanted me to tell you in this letter that she thanks you for your service to our country and Vietnam. I would never have been as brave as you to go into combat having a chance that I could die every time.

I just want to tell you how hard it was to write this letter to you without feeling so sad. I am positively sure you died fighting for us and another country with all the love in your heart. I really, really, really would like to thank you with all my heart and with all the reasons above and also thank you just for committing your time to fighting for us and for a country that doesn't belong to us.

I'm most positively sure that you were a loving, caring, kind person and I'm sure that now you are in a better place with no fighting or arguing, wars and violence. You, I am sure, are looking down at me right now as I write this letter. I thank you one more time for fighting for us, your family, another country, and all the suffering people that were in South Vietnam during the Vietnam War.

Please know that you are loved and missed very, very, very much.

Love,
Lily Scallion
April 21, 2017



"..... (Shirley Wilkin) shared with the crowd memories of her younger brother, Army PFC Mark Hook, who was killed by friendly fire in South Vietnam on Aug. 28, 1968 after only being in country a little over one month. 'Mom got a knock at the door and she opened it to see two servicemen in uniform,' Wilkin remembered. 'They had a telegram and a letter about Mark's death, and needless to say, our lives were changed forever.'"

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IN HONOR OF THE MEN AND WOMEN
OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE
UNITED STATES WHO SERVED IN
THE VIETNAM WAR

MARK HOOK