

HB2525 Renaming of Fancy Creek Bridge

My name is Larry Prichard. There are a few things you may not know about Loren Larson. We grew up together in Leonardville, KS. We were neighbors and classmates in grade school until his family moved to Milford, KS. He lived there until Milford Lake went in and his family moved to Randolph, to start a new business.

Loren and I went to Blue Valley High in Randolph and were on the football team. We always went hunting and fishing together. After high school 6 of us from Blue Valley went to Vo-Tech in Beloit and roomed together. After high graduation, we went to do different work. We all knew it would be short lived with the Vietnam War going on.

Four of us six went into the military and South Vietnam. 3 of us came back alive and one did not. Loren was K.I.A. as were thousands of others. We were too young to vote and purchase beer, but not too young to go to war.

Most young people today have heard of Vietnam or the other wars this country has been in. To many men and women have died for what seemed now to be a lost cause. We should all remember the ultimate sacrifice so many gave to the U.S.

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