

Kokomo Lieutenant Is Killed Serving Ranger Force in Viet

First Lt. Thomas E. Leap Jr., son of former Howard County Sheriff Thomas E. Leap, was killed Wednesday while serving with the Army in Vietnam. The younger Leap, 25, was married to the former Vola Russell who was notified Saturday night by the Defense Department of his death. Their home here was at 2700 N. Washington St. He had been serving near Saigon as a group leader in the special ranger force, assigned to the 16th Infantry in the Army's 1st Division.

Born December 6 1943, in Kokomo, he was the son of Thomas E. and Mary (Cole) Leap. He had graduated from Kokomo High School in 1963.

A former employee of H. E. McGonigall Inc., he also had served as a deputy sheriff during his father's second term, 1963-1966. He entered service in 1967, graduated from the Officers' Training School at Ft. Benning, Ga., the following year, then he received additional training as a ranger leader.

Leap attended the Main Street United Methodist Church in Kokomo.

In addition to the widow, whom he married in 1962 and the parents, survivors are a daughter, Amanda Suzanne and a sister, Mrs Edward Jane Hudson, all of Kokomo. The paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Leap of Sharpsville and the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Cole of Oakford.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete at Eller's Mortuary.

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NOTE: First Lt. Thomas E. Leap Jr. was buried Saturday, April 19, 1969 in Sunset Memory Gardens Cemetery, Kokomo, Howard County, Indiana.



LT. LEAP

Leap Services

Full military funeral services will be observed for First Lt. Thomas E. Leap Jr., 25, Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Ellers Funeral Chapel. Burial will be in the Sunset Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Friends may call at the mortuary after 1 p.m. Friday.

Lieutenant Leap, who was the son of former Howard County Sheriff Thomas E. Leap, was killed in Vietnam April 9.