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FSU LETTERMAN THAT DIED SERVING AMERICA DURING WAR*

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DEDICATION

Many Seminole men and women of FSU have served in America's military during peacetime and war. This booklet is dedicated to all who have served our country during war and peacetime.

INTRODUCTION

This booklet is about those FSU Athletic lettermen who have died while serving during our conflicts/wars.

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Note-

- 1) If there are other Seminole athletic letter winners who served and died during war, please contact NOLEFAN.ORG and myself.
- 2) There may be female letter winners who served and died during WW2. Research is needed.

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ANDERSON, MARC ANTHONY

FSU TRACK, THROWS-1992-1995

 <p>BURIAL FLORIDA NATIONAL CEMETERY BUSHNELL FLORIDA</p>	<p>DATE OF DEATH: 04 MARCH 2002</p>	 <p>HOME OF RECORD ALLIANCE OHIO ALLIANCE HS 1966</p>	
	<p>DATE OF BIRTH: 30 JANUARY 1972</p>		
	<p>AGE: 30</p>		
	<p>LOCATION OF DEATH: TAKUR GAR AFGHANISTAN</p>		
	<p>BRANCH OF SERVICE US ARMY</p>		
	<p>UNIT: 1ST RANGER BATTALION</p>		
<p>ENLISTMENT DATE 15 JULY 1998</p>	<p>RANK: SPECIALIST</p>	<p>MARITAL STATUS NOT MARRIED</p>	
<p>START OF TOUR ?????</p>		<p>OBITUARY</p>	
<p>HOW HE DIED</p> <p>On this date March 4 in 2002 U.S.Army Spec. Marc A. Anderson was killed during the Battle of Takur Ghar, in Afghanistan. Initially the objective was to establish an observation point on Takur Ghar which commanded views of the Shahi Khowt valley. It would become a day long battle involving Navy SEALs, Air Force combat controllers and pararescuemen, 1st Ranger Battalion and the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment. When the initial MH-47 Chinook helicopter attempted to land troops, the enemy opened up with RPG and heavy machine gun fire. An RPG hit just behind of the cockpit, starting a fire and knocking out electricity, including its miniguns. The helicopter set down under the cover of depression, but when it lurched to rise again, @USNavy Aviation Boatswain's Mate 1st Class (SEAL) Neil Roberts fell from the open ramp. This helicopter was forced to land 7 miles from the mountain, while the other one attempted rescue. Troops offloaded successfully, and were making good progress toward Roberts, until they made contact with the enemy. During this fight, @AirForce Tech. Sgt. John Chapman, and two SEALs were wounded. As the force broke contact, a quick reaction force was dispatched from Bagram Air Base. Spec. Anderson, as part of the 1st Ranger Battalion was part of this force. With the Rangers were Air Force combat controllers and pararescuemen. Communications difficulties lead to the force being direct to the hot landing zone. The circling C-130 gunship was unaware that more troops were incoming. It departed before they arrived, due to restrictions on day-time operations. As the first helicopter came in, it also faced intense fire from heavy machine gun, RPG and small arms. The door gunner was killed, and both pilots seriously injured. The helicopter crash landed, troops exiting the ramp. Three rangers were killed exiting the aircraft, Pfc. Matt Commons, Sgt Brad Crose died on the helicopter ramp. Anderson died inside the helicopter. The second helicopter offloaded it's Rangers further down the mountain, but they were blocked halfway to the other group when they encountered an enemy bunker. In the first use of a Predator UAV in combat, it launched a Hellfire missile collapsing the bunker. 14 Rangers were then able to clear the mountain, struggling through knee deep snow. At 8 p.m. that night, all were evacuated. The battle had lasted 18 hours. Senior Airman Jason Cunningham, who was killed in a counterattack, Chapman and Tech Sgt. Keary Miller were awarded the Air Force Cross. In 2008 Chapman and Senior Chief Special Operator (SEAL) Britt Slabinki were awarded the Medal of Honor. Anderson attended Florida State University, excelling in track and field. At 6'2" 230 lbs., the Alliance, Ohio native competed in hammer throw, shot put, and discus, in addition to playing football. He graduated with a degree in math and teaching and had been teaching math in Fort Myers, Florida before he joined the Army to pay off his college debt. He left \$12,000 to a former student to help them pay for college. Specialist Marc Anthony Anderson is interred at Florida National Cemetery. He was 30.</p>			<p>Anderson, Marc A., Army Spc., 30, of Brandon, died March 4, 2002, during combat operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. Born in Fort Benning, Georgia, he moved to Alliance, Ohio in 1978. He was a 1990 graduate of Alliance High School, where he received many athletic awards. After graduation, he attended Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland until 1992. He then attended Florida State University where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity and was an All American and ninth in school history in the shot put. He was awarded the Golden Torch, an honor bestowed upon the top student-athlete of the year. He graduated with honors in 1995 with a degree in mathematics education. He taught math at Fort Myers Middle School, until he joined the U.S. Army in June of 1998. He is survived by his parents, David L. and Judith E. Anderson of Jacksonville, Florida; and 2 brothers, Gunnery Sgt. John D. Anderson of Camp Lejuene, North Carolina and Steve J. Anderson of St. Petersburg. Anderson-McQueen Funeral Homes and Cremation Tribute Center-Ninth Street Chapel, St. Petersburg.</p>

BELOW-PRESIDENT GEORGE W BUSH SPOKE OF MARC AT HIS SPEECH AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY GRADUATION

In memory of SPC Marc A. Anderson Army Ranger - KIA Afghanistan March 4, 2002 This day is always marked with sadness as it is the anniversary of a day that a friend was taken to soon. I, like so... | Scott Ladd

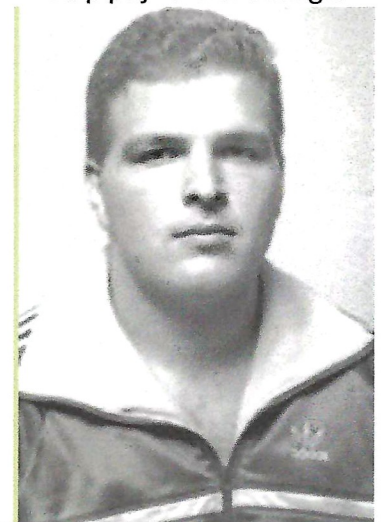


2002, 03-08, TAMPA TRIBUNE

ANDERSON, Marc, Army Spc., 30, of Brandon, died March 4, 2002. Marc was born in Fort Benning, Ga. and moved to Alliance, Ohio in 1978. He was a 1990 graduate of Alliance High School where he received many athletic awards. After graduation, he attended Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland until 1992. He then attended Florida State University where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity and was an All American and ninth in school history in the shot put. He was awarded the Golden Torch, an honor bestowed upon the top student-athlete of the year. He graduated with honors in 1995 with a degree in mathematics education. He is survived by his parents, David L. and Judith E. Anderson of Jacksonville, Fla.; and two brothers, Gunnery Sgt. John D. Anderson of Camp LeJune, N.C. and Steve J. Anderson of St. Petersburg. Visitation will be Sunday, 2-5 p.m. at Anderson-McQueen Funeral Homes in St. Petersburg. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m., Monday, at St. Raphael's Catholi Church in St. Petersburg and interment will be at 1:00 p.m. on Monday at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Fla. Anderson-McQueen Funeral Homes.

CEMETERY BIO

Army Spc Anderson was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Stewart, Georgia; stationed at Hunter Army Air Field in Savannah, Georgia. When Marc was born, the doctor told his parents the baby was so strong, they should give him a strong name. So they borrowed from Roman times and named him Marc Anthony. When Marc was killed, he left a legacy as daunting as his name. He was an All American in football and track (NCAA) and was the 1995 Florida State student athlete of the year. He graduated from Florida State University with a teaching degree and taught math in Fort Myers before joining the Army. He tutored his students for free and volunteered with Boys/Girls clubs in the summer. Marc joined the Army in 1998 because he needed help paying off his student loan. He entered the Army at about 265 lbs. and was a Ranger at 6'2", 230 pounds. Marc was given the opportunity to stay in the U.S. during the Operation to be with his sick brother but he refused to leave many Brothers for his one Brother. He was killed during a vicious firefight with the enemy while attempting to recover the body of a fallen Navy SEAL, Neil Roberts. Marc left \$12,000 to a former student to help pay for her college.



FRANKS, JOHN HOWDEN

FSU BASEBALL-1969



BURIAL

H. WARREN SMITH CEMETERY,
JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FL
HE ENLISTED ON 01 JULY 1970,
SEVEN MONTHS LATER, HE WAS IN
VIETNAM. HE DIED LESS THAN ONE
YEAR AFTER ENLISTING

DATE OF DEATH:
10 APRIL 1971 (NON HOSTILE)

DATE OF BIRTH:
13 JUNE 1948

AGE: 22

LOCATION OF DEATH:
THUA THIEN SOUTH VIETNAM

BRANCH OF SERVICE
US ARMY

UNIT:
A CO, 504TH MP BTN,
16TH MP GROUP, 18TH MP BDE

RANK:
PFC (PRIVATE FIRST CLASS)



Franks calmly eyes batter while preparing wind-up.

HOME OF RECORD
JACKSONVILLE BEACH FLORIDA
FLETCHER HS 1966

ENLISTMENT DATE
01 JULY 1970

START OF TOUR
31 JANUARY 1971

MARITAL STATUS
NOT MARRIED

Pfc John H. Franks, 22, U.S. Army, of 32 Oakwood, Jacksonville Beach, died April 10th in Viet Nam. Pfc Franks was a lifelong resident of the Beaches; graduated from Fletcher High School in 1966, attended Chipola Junior College and FSU on a baseball scholarship and was a member of Kappa Alpha. He entered the U.S. Army in 1970 and went to Viet Nam on January 1, 1971, and received the Bronze Star. Survivors are his parents, Constable and Mrs. Charles H. Franks; a brother, Charles G. Franks, Ft. Eustis, Va.; his grandparents, Mrs. Cornelia Franks and Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Brinkley, all of Jacksonville Beach. Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 17th, in the Beach United Methodist Church, Jacksonville Beach, with Rev. W. S. Echols, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Warren Smith Cemetery with full military honors. Giddens - Griffith Funeral Home, Jacksonville Beach, was in charge. Honorary pallbearers were: Mitchell Kinsey, Mac Moore, George Strate, Dick Probst, Haden McCormick, Steve Farley, James M. Hayes, George Thorne, Steve Smith, George Carter, Chris Davis, Craig Brown, Claude Midgett, Kenneth Zolezzi, R. D. Brunson, R. B. Peritte, and Guy Craig.

HOW HE DIED
VEHICLE OVERTURNED, PROBABLY ON
COASTAL RAILROAD NORTHEAST OF HAI
VAN PASS 1971, 04-10



1971, 04-16 ORLANDO EVENING STAR

Floridian Killed

WASHINGTON (AP) The Pentagon announced Thursday Army Pfc. John H. Franks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Franks, 32 Oakwood Road, Jacksonville Beach, has died as a result of non-hostile action in the Southeast Asian War.

1971, 04-16, JACKSONVILLE
JOURNAL

Military Rites
For John Franks
Set Tomorrow

Funeral services for Pfc. John Franks, 22, son of Jacksonville Beach Constable Charles H. Franks, is scheduled for 1 p.m. tomorrow at the Beach United Methodist Church.

A military burial will be conducted at Warren Smith Cemetery, Jacksonville Beach.

Pfc. Franks, winner of the Bronze Star, died Saturday in South Vietnam.

He had graduated from Fletcher High School in 1966 and attended Chipola Junior College and Florida State University on a baseball scholarship.

Survivors include his parents; a brother, Charles G. Franks of Ft. Eustis, Va.; his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Cornelia Franks; and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Brinkley, all of Jacksonville Beach.

Local Boys Fall In Tournament

Special to the Democrat

FORT WALTON BEACH—John Franks pitched a no-hitter as Jacksonville Beach defeated Tallahassee 8-0 in the Senior Boys Major League State Tournament here Monday at Fort Walton Beach.

Dave and John Smith were the winners bracket. At 2 Tallahassee faces St. Petersburg in the losers bracket.

TALLHASSEE BEACH

Jacksonville scored six runs in the fifth on four Tallahassee errors and four singles to break up a pitching duel between Franks and Tallahassee's Andy Bryant.

In other games, Fort Walton Beach defeated St. Petersburg 5-3. Key West and Miami drew bytes.

This afternoon, Key West plays Jacksonville Beach while Ft. Walton Beach faces Miami in

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White ss	3	0	0	0	Steera 2b	4	1	1	0
Harrison 1b	2	0	0	0	Moore 1b	3	0	1	1
Boone c	2	0	0	0	Franks p	3	1	1	1
Rozar cf	2	0	0	0	Englert 3b	3	0	1	1
Earp rf	2	0	0	0	Hart lf	2	1	0	0
Bryant p	2	0	0	0	Miller cf	3	2	0	0
Herndon lf	2	0	0	0	Vann cf	3	1	1	1
Hill 3b	2	0	0	0	Headen rf	2	0	1	1
Lawson c	1	0	0	0	Willingham lf	1	1	1	1
Johnson rf	0	0	0	0	Hanson rf	1	0	0	0
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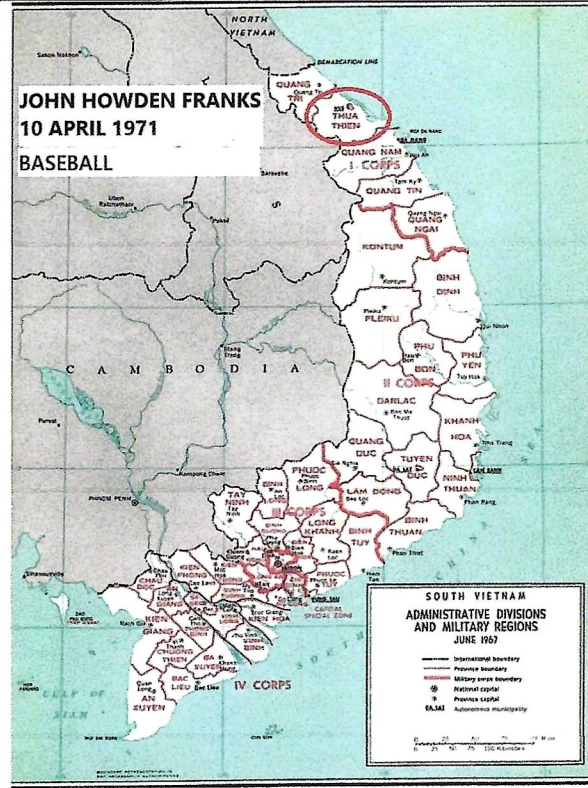
2B—Englert, LOB—Tallahassee 1, Beach 1.

1. DP—Tallahassee 1, Beach 1.

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Bryant (L) 6 7 8 3 0 3

Franks (W) 7 0 0 0 1 7



1967, 04-27, JACKSON COUNTY FLORIDIAN

Most Valuable Player Awards Presented At Chipola Banquet

Robert Flowers, a 6-foot-8 sophomore from Headland, Ala., was presented the most valuable player award for basketball by Coach Milton Johnson. At the Chipola Junior College All-Sports banquet Wednesday night Flowers was also awarded the 1966-67 Neal-Wolly sportsmanship award.

Dick Bowers, a Marianna businessman, presented Flowers with the Neal-Wolly award for having shown "the best sportsmanship for Chipola during his athletic career at Chipola." This award was first given in 1951 to a football player.

John Veasey, sophomore catcher, from Quincy, was presented the most valuable player award for baseball by Coach Jim Duncan.

Kemp Gholson, sophomore from Chattahoochee, was awarded the most valuable player award in golf by Coach Jay Mitchell.

Jeff Grey of Marianna was presented the most valuable player award in tennis by Coach Johnson.

Pat Peacock, Marianna, received the most valuable player award in cross country from Coach Ellis Duncan.

Basketball player Ronnie Mikkell, Mt. Dora, received awards for rebounds, free throws and assists, Chris Wey, Daytona Beach, was also presented an award for assists. Wey and Mikkell were tied for the number of assists.

Coach Duncan presented a batting award to Al Cleveland, of Albany, Ga.; a pitching award to John Franks of Jacksonville; and a fielding award to Veasey for their part in 16-16 baseball season.

The Indians' cheerleaders were recognized and presented with trophies also.

For the season in all five sports Chipola had a 56-29 record.

FSU Track Team At Penn

TALLHASSEE — Nine men will represent Florida State's track team in the Penn Relays at Philadelphia, Pa., Friday and Saturday.

Sid Gainey will compete in the long jump and triple jump; Mike Kelly, Charlie Vickers and Steve Landis in the 440 hurdles; Andy Guy in the 100 yard dash, Tom Richards, Landis, Bob Thomas and Marc Williamson in the distance medley relay; and Guy, Richard McLean, Landis and Thomas in the sprint medley relay.

"Our best chance to place will be with Gainey in the long jump," Coach Jim Miller said.

1971, 04-17, FLORIDA TIMES UNION

FRANKS — Pfc. John H. Franks, 22, US Army, of 32 Oakwood Rd., Jacksonville Beach, died April 10th in Vietnam. He was a lifelong resident of the Beaches, a graduate of Fletcher High School, and attended Chipola Junior College and F.S.U. on a baseball scholarship. He was a member of the Kappa Alpha. He was a member of Beach United Methodist Church. He had been in Vietnam since January 1st and received the Bronze Star. Survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Franks; a brother, Charles G. Franks; of Fort Eustis, Va.; his grandparents, Mrs. Cornelia Franks, and Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Brinkley, all of Jacksonville Beach. Funeral 1 p.m. Saturday in Beach United Methodist Church, Rev. W. S. Echols officiating. Burial in Warren Smith Cemetery with full military honors. Pallbearers, honorary, Mitchell Kinsey, George Strate, Mac Moore, Dick Probst, Hayden McCormick, Steve Farley, James M. Hayes, George Thorne, Steve Smith, George Carter, Chris Davis, Craig Brown, Kenneth Zolezzi, Claude Midgett, R. D. Brunson, R. B. Peritte and Guy Craig. Arrangements by Giddens-Griffith, Jacksonville Beach.

LEWIS, DON ROBERT

SWIMMING (FREESTYLE) 1954-1958



BURIAL

**DAYTONA MEMORIAL PARK,
DAYTONA BEACH, FL**

BS DEGREE-BUSINESS
SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY
ARNOLD AIR SOCIETY

DATE OF DEATH:
09 FEBRUARY 1965 (HOSTILE)
INCIDENT: 08 FEB 1965

DATE OF BIRTH:
30 JANUARY 1936

AGE: 29

LOCATION OF DEATH:
KHANH HOA SOUTH VIETNAM

BRANCH OF SERVICE
US AIR FORCE

UNIT:
**33RD AIR BASE SQDN, 33RD
TAC GROUP, 2ND AIR DIV, 13TH
AF**

RANK:
CPT (CAPTAIN)



HOME OF RECORD
HOLLY HILL FLORIDA

MAINLAND HS-1954

ENLISTMENT DATE
@ 1958

START OF TOUR
OCTOBER 1964

MARITAL STATUS
MARRIED: MARY NAOMI POWELL,
27 JUNE 1959; 2 SONS-DON ROBERT
LEWIS Jr and MICHAEL BYARS LEWIS

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE LIFE OF DON ROBERT LEWIS
Panel 01E Line 87

Captain Don Robert Lewis was born in Cedartown, GA on January 30, 1936 and was raised in Holly Hill, FL, a small town north of Daytona Beach, FL. He was killed in action on February 9, 1965.

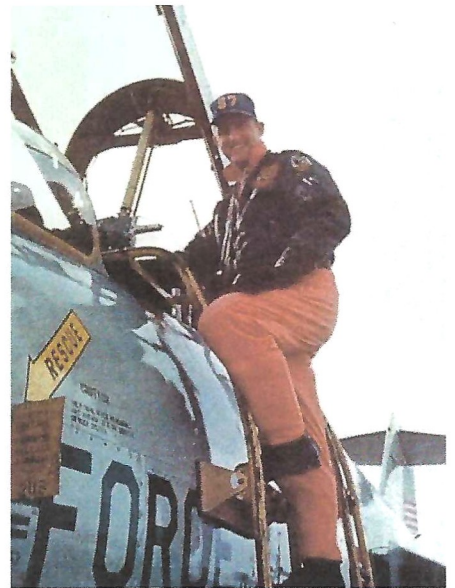
He graduated from Mainland High School in Daytona Beach where he was active in sports and extra-curricular activities. Captain Lewis attended Florida State University (FSU) on a swimming scholarship and lettered in swimming. He was also a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity and Arnold Air Society. His college summers were spent as a lifeguard on Daytona Beach.

After he graduated from FSU, he entered flight training in March, 1959 at Moultrie Air Base, Moultrie, GA and was a member of the last advanced flight school class of the F-86 in 1960 at Moody Air Force Base, Valdosta, GA. Prior to going to Vietnam in 1964 he flew the F-101 at Lockbourne AFB, Ohio for over three years. After learning the Vietnamese language, Captain Lewis was sent to Ban Me Thout, South Vietnam as an advisor and Forward Air Controller. On February 8, 1965, while flying his O-1, he was hit by ground fire and struggled to bring his damaged aircraft back to base. Upon landing, he was evacuated to an Army Field Hospital at Nah Trang where he died from his wounds eighteen hours later. He was awarded the Silver Star, Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters and the Purple Heart, posthumously at a parade held at Hurlburt Air Field in August 1965. He is survived by two children, Don Robert Lewis, Jr. and Michael Byars Lewis.

Submitted by his wife and widow, Mary Powell Lewis Martin

Mary Powell Lewis Martin

HOW HE DIED
HE WAS HIT BY BROUND FIRE
WHILE DOING LOW LEVEL
PASSES ON A SPOTTER
MISSION. HE RECEIVED CHEST
AND HEAD WOUNDS



Mary Powell
Lt. Lewis
Are Wed

First Presbyterian
Church Is Scene
Of Ceremony

MISS MARY NAOMI
POWELL and Lt. Don
Robert Lewis were married
at 2:30 p.m. yesterday in
the First Presbyterian Church.



MRS. DON ROBERT LEWIS

Barbara Jean Solana Weds
Airman Walter G. Brock

Miss Barbara Jean Solana, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Solana, 1740 S. Segrave Ave., North Daytona, was married at 8 p.m. yesterday to Walter G. Brock, sergeant in the Air Force Base at Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., in the presence of their parents and other relatives.

The bride's mother chose a gown of white tulle with a full skirt and a high collar. Her hair was styled in a simple, elegant fashion. The groom wore a dark suit with a white shirt and a patterned tie.

Sigma Chi Create Award For Athletes

Members of FSU's Sigma Chi Fraternity met with the Saul's Bridges Post of the American Legion Thursday night for a special Veteran's Day Americanism program that was climaxed by the dedication of the Don R. Lewis Memorial Award for athletes on the university varsity swimming team.

Lewis, formerly a member of the fraternity chapter at the university, was killed in action in Viet Nam while on a rescue mission in February 1965.

The award will continue on a yearly basis, and will be presented to the outstanding varsity swimmer on a vote by the team.

Sigma Chi Jim Tollerton, an announcer for WTNT-Radio, dedicated the award during an Americanism speech before the Legion.

"Brother Lewis was a personification of all that is good in America, who gave more than his good words and intentions. His memory is an inspiration to us," Tollerton said.



HIS SON-Michael Byars Lewis is an Amazon #1 International Bestselling Author, and his books have also been on the Bestseller lists on Barnes and Noble Nook and Kobo platforms. The author of the award-winning Jason Conrad Thriller series has been on numerous author panels at writer's conferences such as Thrillerfest, The Louisiana Book Festival, The Pensacola Book and Writers Festival, and Killer Nashville.

A 25-year Air Force pilot, he has flown special operations combat missions in Bosnia, Iraq, and Afghanistan in the AC-130U Spooky Gunship. Michael is currently a pilot for a major U.S. airline.

A proud Christian active in his community, Michael has mentored college students on leadership development and team-building and is a facilitator for an international leadership training program. He has participated as a buddy for the Tim Tebow Foundation's "Night to Shine" and in his church's Military Ministry program. Michael has also teamed with the Air Commando Foundation, which supports Air Commando's and their families' unmet needs during critical times.

While his adventures have led to travels all around the world, Michael lives in Florida with his wife Kim.

Services Lewis

Services for Capt. Don R. Lewis, 29, Ft. Walton Beach, who died Feb. 9, in Viet Nam of wounds suffered while flying a mission for the U.S. Air Force, will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at First Presbyterian Church, with Dr. Paul M. Edris and Capt. Philip Grimmett, Eglin Air Force Base chaplain, officiating.

Burial will be in Bellevue Memorial Cemetery. Full military honors will be rendered by personnel of McCoy Air Force Base, Orlando.

Calling hours will be from 7 to 9 p.m. tonight and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. tomorrow. Haigh-Black is in charge.

NELSON, WILLIAM IRVIN II

FSU TRACK AND CROSS COUNTRY 1964-1965

 <p style="text-align: center;">BURIAL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CLEARWATER CEMETERY, CLEARWATER, FL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GRADUATED FROM LARGO HS IN 1963</p>	<p>DATE OF DEATH: 24 MARCH 1967 (NON HOSTILE)</p> <p>DATE OF BIRTH: 26 JUNE 1945</p> <p>AGE: 21</p> <p>LOCATION OF DEATH: SOUTH VIETNAM</p> <p>BRANCH OF SERVICE US ARMY</p> <p>UNIT: A BTRY, 2ND BN, 33RD ARTILLERY, 1ST INF DIV</p> <p>RANK: PFC (PRIVATE FIRST CLASS)</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">BILL NELSON</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">HOME OF RECORD CLEARWATER FL LARGO HS 1963</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">ENLISTMENT DATE UNKNOWN</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">START OF TOUR 19 DECEMBER 1966</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MARITAL STATUS NOT MARRIED</p>
<p>1965, 11-20, TAMPA TRIBUNE</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>FSU, Miami Runners Bid For Title</p> <p>MIAMI (Special) — The Florida State and Miami cross-country teams, both undefeated, meet here today to determine the state championships. Both teams defeated Florida handily the last time out.</p> <p>"This is going to be a tremendous contest," said Florida State cross-country coach Dick Roberts. "Miami came out of nowhere this year to become one of the strongest teams in the south. They won the Georgia Tech Invitation last month in a surprising upset."</p> <p>The Hurricanes are led by a strong threesome of Fred Blackburn, a junior college graduate of Central Florida Junior College, senior Ed Pyers, and sophomore star Chris Quinby. Seniors Porter Quantz and Dave Soto complete Miami's top runners.</p> <p>"If we're going to beat Miami at all," said Roberts, "our top men, Tom Graham, <u>Bill Nelson</u>, and Bob Hohnadel, are going to have to break up that Miami threesome. Against Florida, Miami ran one-two-three and that won the meet for the Hurricanes right there."</p> <p>The battle for first place should have a Fort Lauderdale look. Both Miami's Quinby, a 4:16 miler as a frosh, and FSU captain Graham ran for Stranahan. Both have been their team's top runner in most meets this season.</p> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">HOW HE DIED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HE WAS IN A STORAGE ROOM INVENTORYING GRENADES WHEN AN EXPLOSION OCCURRED</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p style="text-align: center;">RECIPIENT OF THE ARMY COMMENDATION AWARD</p>  </div>	<p>1967, 03-30, TAMPA BAY TIMES</p> <h1 style="text-align: center;">Largo Ma</h1> <p style="text-align: center;">BELLEAIR — Pfc. William I. Nelson II, 21; 1550 Belleair Rd., Belleair, died Friday (March 24, 1967) in Vietnam. He was the son of William I. Nelson Sr. and the late Mrs. Nelson.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Details of the death were not available last night.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">He was born in Louisville, Ky., and moved here in infancy. He was graduated from Largo High School in 1963 and attended Florida State University from 1964 to 1966 on an athletic scholarship. He was a track star at Largo High School.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">He had been serving with the U.S. Army in Vietnam since last December.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Other survivors include two brothers, Randall S. Reed, Burlingame, Calif.; Pfc. Roger A. Nelson, U.S. Army, Fort Gordon, Ga.; his paternal grandmother, Mrs. I. C. Nelson, Belleair. Moss Lakeside Chapel is in charge of arrangements.</p>

Loose Change

St. Petersburg High's track team will be feted at a special state championship banquet at the Bond Motor Hotel Thursday June 6 . . . Largo's record-breaking miler Bill Nelson has received a track scholarship to Florida State . . . Boca Ciega's Barry Wax who barely missed a coveted appointment to West

1963, 03-09, TAMPA TRIBUNE

Boca Ciega Wins Track Meet

LARGO (Special) — Largo's Bill Nelson ran a 4:36 mile here last night, but Boca Ciega ran away with a four-team track meet. The scores: Boca Ciega 97 1/6; Clearwater 76 5/6; Largo 58; Dunedin 11. Event winners: High hurdles—Stagg (BC) 16.2; 100-yard dash—Stone (BC) 10.5; mile run—Nelson (L) 4:36; 880-relay—Boca Ciega (Wagner, Hagan, O'Donnell, Stone) 1:34; 440—Flynn (C) 52.0; low hurdles—Stagg (BC) 22.4; 880-yard run—Young (C) 2:03.8; sprint medley relay—Clearwater 2:06.6; 220—Stone (BC) 23.4; mile relay—Clearwater 3:38; shot put—Wax (BC) 53-4 1/4; discus—Wax (BC) 152-8; pole vault—Donotello (C) 11-0; broad jump—Wigley (L) 19-1; high jump—Worley (BC), Sawyers (C),

1966, 04-28, TAMPA TRIBUNE

Florida College Stars To Run in Penn Relays

Seven of Florida's top college track stars, nine from FSU and two from the University of Florida will participate in the 72 annual Penn Relays Friday and Saturday in Philadelphia. The Penn Relays are the nation's oldest and largest relay meet.

Gator stars Scott Hager and Jim Richeson both of whom are ranked nationally in their specialty events are the first to be invited from the University of Florida in recent years.

Hager, a junior from Ormond Beach will enter two hurdle events and Richeson, a senior from Bradenton will compete in the high jump.

Each boy holds Florida track records; Richeson cleared the high jump at 6-9 1/2 to break former Gator J. "Pappa" Hall's 14 year old high of 6-9. Hager ran the high hurdles in 14.0 topping Tommy Michels 1960 record by one-tenth of a second.

Representing Florida State will be broad jumper Sid Gainey who has a 24' 11" jump to his credit, team captain Ken White the current Florida Relay Champ will enter the 100 yard dash, Steve Landis, FSU record holder in the 440 intermediate hurdles and the FSU two mile relay team consisting of Bill Nelson, John Hohnadel, Ross Winter and John Brogel.

1965, 10-19, TAMPA BAY TIMES

FOR 1965-66 WITH CROSS-COUNTRY—

FSU-Gator Rivalry Begins

TALLAHASSEE (Special) — This year's Florida State-Florida athletic rivalry reopens tomorrow when the Seminole and Gator cross-country teams meet in Gainesville.

Last season the Seminole trackmen made a clean sweep against their intrastate rivals by defeating the Gators 23-32 at home (low score wins) and 21-34 in Gainesville. However, the Gators have since gone on to an extensive track recruiting program.

"THEY'LL REALLY be out to defeat us this season," said FSU cross-country coach Dick Roberts. "Both teams are undefeated. Both have a lot of pride to win this race."

"Florida has a New York boy who was national junior college two-mile champion and they have back boys like Dieter Gebhardt and Bob Halliday."

The Seminoles have shown surprising depth this year and it will be depth, according to Roberts, that will determine Monday's winner. Non-letterman Bob Hohnadel, a senior

from Tampa, was running as No. 1 man in early meets, but in last weekend's Garnet vs. Gold squad meet, last year's captain Tom Graham of Fort Lauderdale set a new course record.

OTHER RUNNERS on the Seminole varsity include junior Bill Nelson of Clearwater, last year's top distance runner, senior John Brogel of St. Petersburg, Dick Carrico of Alta-

monte Springs, sophs Al Bassett of Monticello and Sid Merchant of Melbourne. Veteran Ross Winter of Mobile, Ala., has returned to running after a long injury and turned in a creditable performance in last week's practice run.

"I'll match our first three men with their first three men in both varsity and freshman races," said Roberts. "The big question is whether we have enough depth to win."

STEPHENS, JOHNNIE PERRY

FOOTBALL 1963-1966



BURIAL

ROSELAWN CEMETERY,
TALLAHASSEE FL

ENLISTMENT DATE

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DATE OF DEATH:

22 APRIL 1969

DATE OF BIRTH:

06 NOVEMBER 1945

AGE: 23

LOCATION OF DEATH:

QUANG TIN PROVINCE (HOSTILE)

BRANCH OF SERVICE

US ARMY

UNIT:

A CO, 1ST BN, 46TH INFANTRY, 198TH
INFANTRY BDE, AMERICAL DIV

RANK:

POSTHUMOUSLY PROMOTED TO 1ST LT.



JOHNNIE STEPHENS FLORIDA STATE

HOME OF RECORD

TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA
LEON HS 1962

MARITAL STATUS

MARRIED SALLY TROTT,
HS SWEETHEART, NO CHILDREN

1969, 04-23, TLH DEMOCRAT

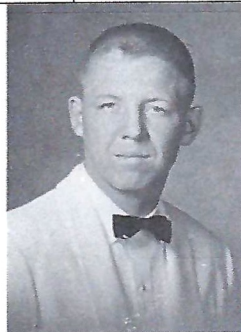


Johnny Stephens
... killed in Viet

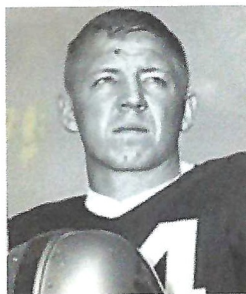
Stephens Is Killed

Former Seminole starting center and Leon High School football star Johnny Stephens was killed in action in South Vietnam yesterday, according to the Florida State University ROTC office.

Stephens, who played with the Seminoles in 1966 for his last season, was a second lieutenant in the Army and an infantry platoon leader.



LEON HS



FSU FOOTBALL



ABOVE-JOHNIE IN
VIETNAM, ALL THREE
MEN FACING THE
CAMERA WOULD BE
KILLED IN VIETNAM

1962, 02-20, TLH DEMOCRAT

VOTED SPORTSMANSHIP
AWARD BY HIS TEAMMATES

Harris Named Most Valuable In Ruth League

Buzzy Harris, a star for two seasons, was named the Babe Ruth League "most valuable player" at the annual banquet last night.

A sophomore and standout football player for Leon High last season, Harris hit 265 with the Ruth Leaguers last summer. He scored 19 runs, drove in 16 more, hit a home run, five triples, three doubles, struck out only twice and walked 14 times.

The year before he hit .429 and drove in 24 runs.

Mike Eason, a 14-year-old, was recognized as the "batting champion" for his .409 average last year.

"Rookie of the year" was Jeff Pomeroy Jr., who hit .296 and fashioned a 4-3 pitching record.

Sportsmanship awards were made to a player from each team. The selection was made by vote of teammates. The sportsmanship winners: Chuck Alford, Louis Poag, Johnny Stephens Jr., Laury Youngblood, Andy Dull, Tony Williams.

Named to the team's Hall of Fame were Chap Ashore, Alford Dull, Harris, Bob O'Kelly, Poag, Williams, Youngblood, Stephens.

The team's all-stars and graduating 15-year-olds were recognized.

Approximately 250 attended the gathering in the Tallahassee Federal Savings Lounge.

Danny Litwhiler, FSU baseball coach, was master of ceremonies.

Killed In Vietnam

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eighteen servicemen killed in action in the Vietnam War were identified yesterday by the Department of Defense. Included was 2nd Lt. Johnnie P. Stephens Jr., husband of Mrs. Sally T. Stephens, 1804 Bellevue Way, Tallahassee.

Johnnie was leading his men down a trail when they were ambushed. Johnnie was third in line. Four of the first 5 men were KIA.

2019, 04-14

Friends and relatives of Johnnie gather to remember and honor him. His widow Sally Sperling is on the left holding hands with Peggy Workman, his sister.



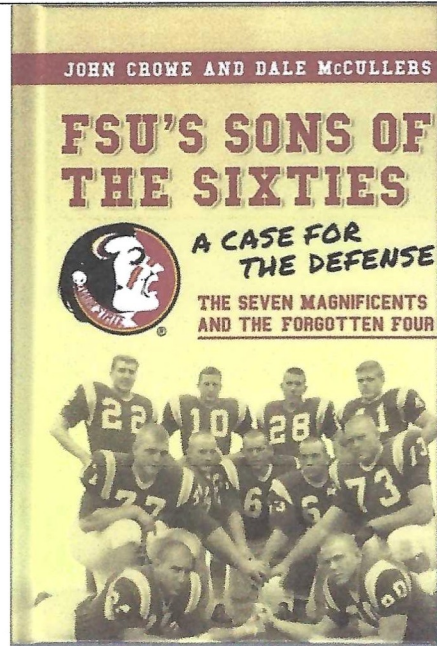
1969, 04-25, Tallahassee Democrat

Boys Ranch Donations Preferred

Mrs. Sally Stephens, wife of Johnny Stephens of Tallahassee who was killed in Vietnam Tuesday, has requested in lieu of sending flowers friends and relatives make donations to the Florida Boys Ranch in Live Oak.

Mrs. Stephens said her husband had a real personal interest in the Boys Ranch.

Stephens was a former football star at Florida State University and Leon High School. He was killed while serving as a second lieutenant in charge of an infantry platoon in South Vietnam. Funeral services will probably be late next week.



The book written by John Crowe and Dale McCullers is dedicated to Johnnie Stephens. Proceeds from the sales go to a scholarship fund at FSU in Johnnie's name.

2019, 04-29

(Below) Roosevelt Lowery speaks about Johnnie as his widow, Sally Sperling, looks on. Johnnie coached Roosevelt at Carrabelle HS in 1967.

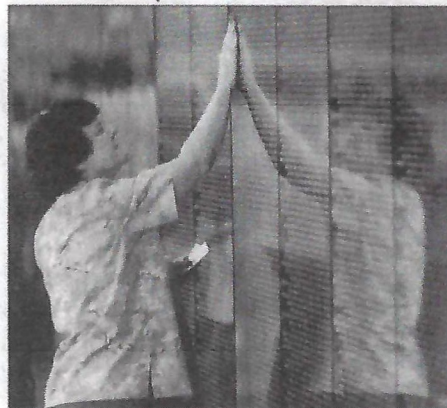
In the spring of 1968, (a difficult year in American history) Johnnie drove Roosevelt to North Carolina. They stayed in the home of Johnnie's relatives. It was a courageous act by Johnnie as there was not much social interaction between whites and blacks in 1968. In some places in America during that time, cars with both white and black occupants were stopped and both the white and black person were beaten or worse.



Roosevelt became emotional as he talked about Johnnie. Today, Roosevelt owns a masonry business in Crawfordville FL.

2006, 10-15

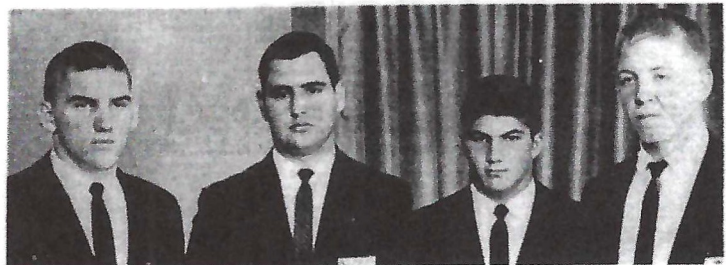
Tallahassee Democrat Phyllis Kelly touches Johnnie's name at the "moving Wall."



Phyllis Kelly touches the etched name of Johnnie Stephens, who was killed in Vietnam. "He was like a brother to me," Kelly recalls, "and I wanted to be here to honor him. He was a great friend." Kelly said Stephens was killed after just a couple of months in Vietnam, and she remembers her mother weeping as if she had lost her own son.

Her brother played baseball with Johnnie. She became emotional talking about Johnnie

1962, 12-02, Tallahassee Democrat



LINE STALWARTS—Among linemen selected to fill positions on the All-Big Bend first teams were, left to right: Melvin Heffner, Marianna end; Chuck Peters, Monticello tackle; Charley Walker, Monticello guard; and John Stephens, Leon center. Stephens was also named "lineman of the year."

THOMPSON, OLLIN YOUNG

SWIMMING 1947-48

 <p>BURIAL CLEAR SPRINGS COMMUNITY CEMETERY, CLEAR SPRINGS, FL</p>	<p>DATE OF DEATH: 16 OCTOBER 1951</p>	 <p>HOME OF RECORD BAKER FLORIDA DEFUNIAK SPRINGS, WALTON HS</p>
	<p>DATE OF BIRTH: 28 AUGUST 1929</p>	
	<p>AGE: 22</p>	
	<p>LOCATION OF DEATH: KUMSONG KOREA</p>	
	<p>BRANCH OF SERVICE US ARMY</p>	
	<p>UNIT: COMPANY H, 2ND BATTALION, 21ST INFANTRY REGIMENT, 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION</p>	
	<p>RANK: PFC (PRIVATE FIRST CLASS)</p>	
<p>ENLISTMENT DATE UNKNOWN</p>	<p>START OF TOUR UNKNOWN</p>	<p>MARITAL STATUS NOT MARRIED</p>
<p>1952, 08-13, TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT</p> <p>\$1,000 Memorial Scholarship Is Established</p> <p>A \$1,000 memorial scholarship loan fund has been established at Florida State University by Miss Eunice Thompson, Pensacola, according to FSU Pres. Doak S. Campbell.</p> <p>The fund has been donated by Miss Thompson, an outstanding member of the 1952 FSU graduating class, in honor of her brother, Ollin Young Thompson, former FSU student who was killed in Korea.</p> <p>The scholarship fund is open to both freshmen and upperclassmen students at the university. Loans will be made on the basis of need, character, scholarship, and academic standing of students who apply. Stipulations of the fund limit loans to \$200 per semester.</p> <p>Applications can be made through the FSU Student Help Committee under the chairmanship of Glover E. Tully, director of vocational guidance and placement.</p>		<p>HOW HE DIED</p> <p>He died of other causes on October 16, 1951 while driving a jeep south of Kumsong, Korea.</p> <p>1952, 03-01, PENSACOLA NEWS JOURNAL</p> <p>Pfc. OLLIN YOUNG THOMPSON CRESTVIEW, Feb. 29.—(Special) Body of Pfc. Ollin Young Thompson, 22, of Baker, who was killed in Korea, Oct 6, 1951, will arrived here Sunday.</p> <p>Funeral services will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. from the Clear Springs Baptist Church with the Rev. D. R. Tucker and an Eglin chaplain officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery with full military honors.</p> <p>Born in Okaloosa County, Thompson was graduated from Walton High School and attended Florida State University.</p> <p>Survivors include four brothers, S. A. Thompson, Slocomb, Ala.; Leon Thompson, Marbury, Ala., Norris Thompson, Kansas City, Ka., Wendell Thompson, Japan; three sisters, Mrs. Gene Stanley, Baker, Miss Eunice Thompson, Tallahassee, and Mrs. Amarene Griffith, Slocomb; and one grandparent, Mrs. Irene George, Baker.</p> <p>Pallbearers will be Wendell Griffith, J. T. Walker, Joe Merritt, Foreman Merritt, Clea Stanley and Jack King.</p> <p>McLaughlin Funeral Home has charge of arrangements.</p>

9 Local Boys Among 47 FSU Letter Winners

Varsity awards for baseball, golf, tennis, and swimming have been presented to 47 Florida State University players and managers.

Those receiving baseball letters: Jack Wilson and Dozier Allen, Milton; Burnell Murphy, Sneads; Howard Calhoun, St Petersburg; Ronald Nettles and Wayne Howell, Tallahassee; Al Padgett, Marianna; Godfrey Knight, Harold Conrad, and Truby Shaw, Panama City; John Witt, West Palm Beach; William Parker, Montgomery; William Tanner, New Smyrna Beach; and Charles L Brown, Pensacola; and Manager Clyde Wiggins, White Springs.

Freshman numerals in baseball were presented to Glenn Gresham, Pensacola; Emerson Kramer, Stuart; and Al Bassett, Quincy.

Tallahassee Golfers

Golf lettermen are: Robert Tinney, Edwin Andrews, jr, William Rice and Ralph Cowart, Tallahassee; Walter Wells, Stuart; Harold Mercer, Fort Lauderdale; and Jack Campbell, Chipley.

Varsity awards in swimming went to: Clement W Browning, Harry Corbett Dean, William Todd and Wilbur Gramling, Tallahassee; Howard A Kepple and Loyal N Gould, West Palm Beach; John Norris, Clearwater; William Rodgers, Seaside Park, N J; John Wade, Miami Beach; Peter Findley, Orlando; James Kinsey, Fort Lauderdale; Urban Parrish, Tampa; Ollin Thompson, Baker; Murray Voth, Fort Pierce, and Paul Wickham, Eau Gallie.

Tennis lettermen are: James Costello and Robert Lanigan, Miami; William Kratzert, Tallahassee; Robert Jarrett, Pensacola; James DeLoach and Manager William Albright, St Petersburg; and Lawrence Dickson, Tampa.

BURIED IN CLEAR SPRINGS COMMUNITY CEMETERY



**FSU ATHLETIC LETTERMAN THAT DIED DURING WAR
(ALPHA)**

DATE OF DEATH	LAST and RANK	FIRST	MIDDLE	LOCATION	SPORT	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL	BURIAL
2002, 03-04	ANDERSON SPECIALIST	MARC US ARMY	ANTHONY	AFGHAN-ISTAN (HOSTILE)	TRACK	ALLIANCE OHIO	ALLIANCE HS	FL NAT CEM BUSHNELL FL
1971, 04-10	FRANKS PRIVATE FIRST CLASS	JOHN US ARMY	HOWDEN	VIETNAM (NON-HOSTILE)	BASEBALL	JAX BEACH FL	FLETCHER HS	WARREN SMITH CEM JAX BEACH FL
1965, 02-09	LEWIS CAPTAIN	DON USAF	ROBERT	VIETNAM (HOSTILE)	SWIMMING	HOLLY HILL FL	DAYTONA MAINLAND HS	DAYTONA MEM PARK DAYTONA BEACH, FL
1967, 03-24	NELSON PRIVATE FIRST CLASS	WILLIAM US ARMY	IRVIN	VIETNAM (NON-HOSTILE)	TRACK	CLEARWATER FL	LARGO HS	CLEARWATER CEMETERY CLEARWATER FL
1969, 04-22	STEPHENS 1 st LIEUTENANT	JOHNNIE US ARMY	PERRY, Jr	VIETNAM (HOSTILE)	FOOTBALL	TALLAHASSEE FL	LEON HS	ROSELAWN CEMETERY TALLAHASSEE FL
1951, 10-16	THOMPSON PRIVATE FIRST CLASS	OLLIN US ARMY	YOUNG	KOREA (NON-HOSTILE)	SWIMMING	BAKER FL	WALTON HS	CLEAR SPRINGS CEMETERY CLEAR SPRINGS FL

SOURCE: NOLEFAN.ORG

Here are the FSU athletes who have died during war according to nolefan.org :

NAME	LINK
ANDERSON, MARK ANTHONY	https://www.nolefan.org/ath/a07238.html
FRANKS, JOHN HOWDEN	https://www.nolefan.org/ath/a03228.html
LEWIS, DON ROBERT	https://www.nolefan.org/ath/a05929.html
NELSON, WILLIAM IRVIN, Jr	https://www.nolefan.org/ath/a05127.html
STEPHENS, JOHNNIE PERRY, Jr	https://www.nolefan.org/ath/a01779.html
THOMPSON, OLLIN YOUNG	https://www.nolefan.org/ath/a03540.html

Also, Judge Jim Joanos wrote an article about Johnnie Stephens:

<https://www.nolefan.org/garnet/garnet35.html>