

# SERGEANT K.K. HUTTON KILLED IN VIETNAM

Technical Sergeant Kenneth K. Hutton, 33, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Hutton of Rt. 1, Deep River, was killed in Vietnam on Saturday, Feb. 24. Mr. and Mrs. Hutton were notified of their son's death Saturday evening by Lt. Col. Jack Steger of Grinnell and later by a telegram from General George McCord, Military Personnel Branch, Headquarters USAF.

The telegram read in part: "It is with deep regret that I officially inform you of the death of your son, Technical Sergeant Kenneth K. Hutton. He was killed in action in South Vietnam on 24 February, 1968. He was in his barracks while Tan Son Nhut Air Base was hit by hostile fire. His barracks received a direct hit. Death was instantaneous. Your son's overseas commander is writing you a letter which will contain all the known circumstances concerning his death. Please accept my sincere sympathy."

The air base is located at Saigon, South Vietnam. At least three other men died at the same time.

Sergeant Hutton, better known as Keith here, entered the Air Force the day after his graduation from Oskaloosa High School in May, 1952. He attended Montezuma High School his freshman and sophomore years.

He had planned to retire from the Air Force after four more years of service.

Sergeant Hutton left the United States for Vietnam on Sept. 20, 1967. Prior to his Vietnam assignment he was

## Funeral Services

## For Sergeant Hutton

## Saturday Morning

A full military service for Sergeant Hutton will be conducted Saturday at the Montezuma Methodist Church commencing at 10:30 a.m. Burial will be in Montezuma. Steffy Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

The body of Sergeant Hutton is expected to arrive Wednesday, Feb. 28, at 7:12 p.m. via Braniff Airlines at the Des Moines airport.

stationed at Roswell, N.M., where his wife, Shirley, and their two children, Kenny, 10, and Susan, 9, now live.

Mrs. Hutton is the former Shirley Vandeverter, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Vandeverter of Montezuma. Sergeant Hutton is the third area serviceman to give his life for his country in the Vietnam conflict. On May 21, 1967, Pfc. Alley Hurley was killed and on Dec. 2, 1967, Corporal Donald W. Thompson died in action. Another area serviceman, Warrant Officer Dennis Hamilton of Barnes City, has been listed as missing in action since Jan. 5.



T/SGT. KENNETH HUTTON

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