



Daniel J. Eckles
United States Army
1969 - 1971

Sgt. Daniel J. Eckles was born July 9, 1949. Son of Raymond T. Eckles and Eleanor C. Eckles of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He attended Walnut ridge High School in Columbus, Ohio. He married Carolyn Wall on September 9, 1967.

Daniel was inducted into the U.S. Army on April 1, 1969. He completed Basic Training and Advanced Infantry Training at t. Gordon, Georgia. He was assigned to Infantry noncommissioned Officer Training at Ft. Benning, Georgia. He also went to Ft. Polk, Louisiana for Infantry OJT. He served in Vietnam from 1969 – 1971. He was assigned to Company D 1st Battalion 52nd Infantry 23rd Infantry Division in Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam. Daniel was awarded the Bronze star with “V” device and Oak leaf Cluster for heroism in ground combat.

After being discharged from the Army he went to work for the Penn Central Railroad in Columbus, Ohio. He started as a Brakeman working numerous transportation positions. He was a Train Master in Indianapolis, Indiana, Terminal Superintendent in Albany, New York, and Superintendent of Operations in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Corporate Quality Control and finished his career of 33 years as Regional Director of Rick Management/Safety in Baltimore, Maryland.

Daniel retired in February 2004. He is the Father of Sherri Eckles and Angela Silipigno. He was blessed with 3 beautiful granddaughters Ally Eckles-Oliver, Maddy and Bella Silipigno. He enjoys spending time with his family and friends, camping, spending winters in Florida and going out to dinner with his wife of 50 years, Carol.