

Roger Dale Owens

Specialist 4th Class

Equipment Storage Specialist

Company A, 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry, 24th Infantry Division, 5th U.S. Army
Tet Offensive, Republic of Vietnam

Southeast Asia service: March 1967 – March 1968

Active-duty service dates: Oct. 18, 1966 – Oct. 17, 1968

Honorable Discharge

Army of the United States

Fort Worth, Texas

Born June 26, 1946 – Died Oct. 14, 2025

Awards & Decorations: National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal,
Vietnam Campaign Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation

Death due to Agent Orange exposure causing multiple myeloma cancer
Burial in Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery, Dallas, Texas



Roger was drafted in October 1966 before the lottery. He proudly served in the 25th Infantry, his base camp being Cu Chi. He was injured not long after being in-country and couldn't go out on patrol. His platoon was ambushed and most were killed. Those that weren't were seriously wounded. He always said his injury saved his life. He was caught up in the Tet Offensive and said, "Of all the hell we went thru over there, the Tet Offensive was the worst."

Roger D. Owens passed away Oct. 14, 2025, due to complications from Agent Orange causing multiple myeloma cancer. Born in Ardmore, Okla., he was a master mechanic specializing in diesel engines. He loved restoring tri-five Chevrolets, his favorite being the '55 and doing beautiful work. During his teenage years, he towed his '55 Chevy to drag races, winning many times. He had to give up his love of racing when he was drafted into the Army.