

Chairman Ruby and members of the committee,

My name is Paul Mohagen from Grafton, ND. I was David Latraille's friend in high school. David worked at Sando Oil Company, a Cities Service gas station, pumping gas and repairing cars. He had plans of taking over the business after his discharge.

David was born March 30, 1947. He was a good person who worked hard. He had a girlfriend and an Old's 442 Muscle car.

David joined the Army with plans to be a wheeled vehicle mechanic. Midstream he changed plans and ended up a very proud member of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne.

David was killed in action on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 1968 in Thua Thien Province, South Vietnam. I served as a pallbearer for David's funeral.

I fully support the naming of the Hwy81 bridge north of Grafton in honor of Specialist 4 David Latraille Vietnam Bridge.

Thank you Mr. Chairman and committee.

Paul Mohagen

Grafton, ND