



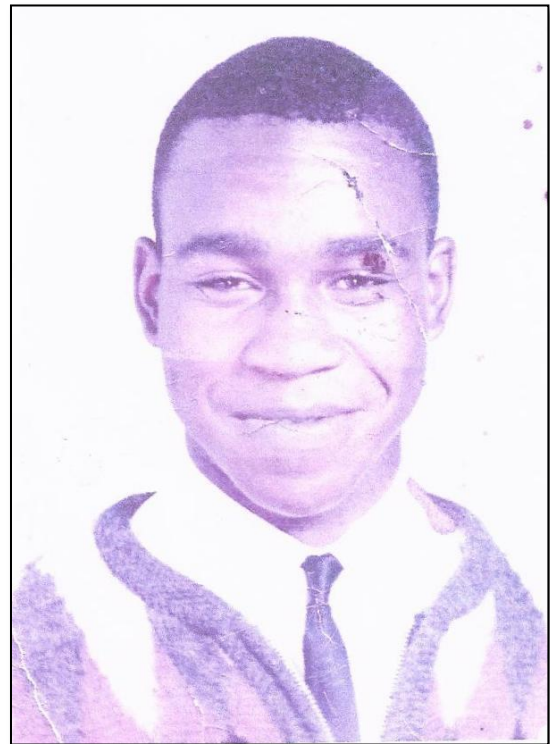
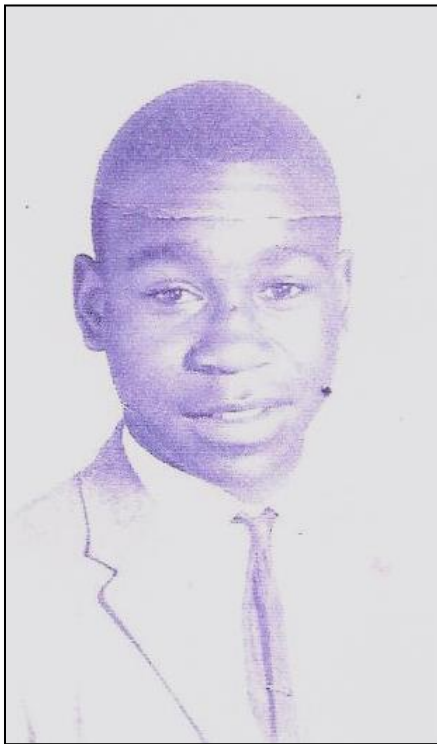
**Nathaniel Irving**

## **Nathaniel Irving**

Born June 16, 1948

Killed in Action February 8, 1969

Nathaniel Irving was born on June 16, 1948, the son of Mrs. Luverster Irving Grammer and Nathaniel White, and step-son of James Grammer. He had a daughter, Connie, born six months after he was killed. In addition, Nathaniel had six sisters: Jennie, Eliza, Florence, Catherine, Irene and Joyce, and five brothers: William, Robert, James, Eugene and John. Nathaniel, nicknamed "Mayner", enjoyed playing basketball, as well as having fun with his friends and family. He was raised in Prince George County and was a member of Harrison Grove Baptist Church. During his school years he attended Old Academy School, Harrison Grove School and J.E.J. Moore High School.



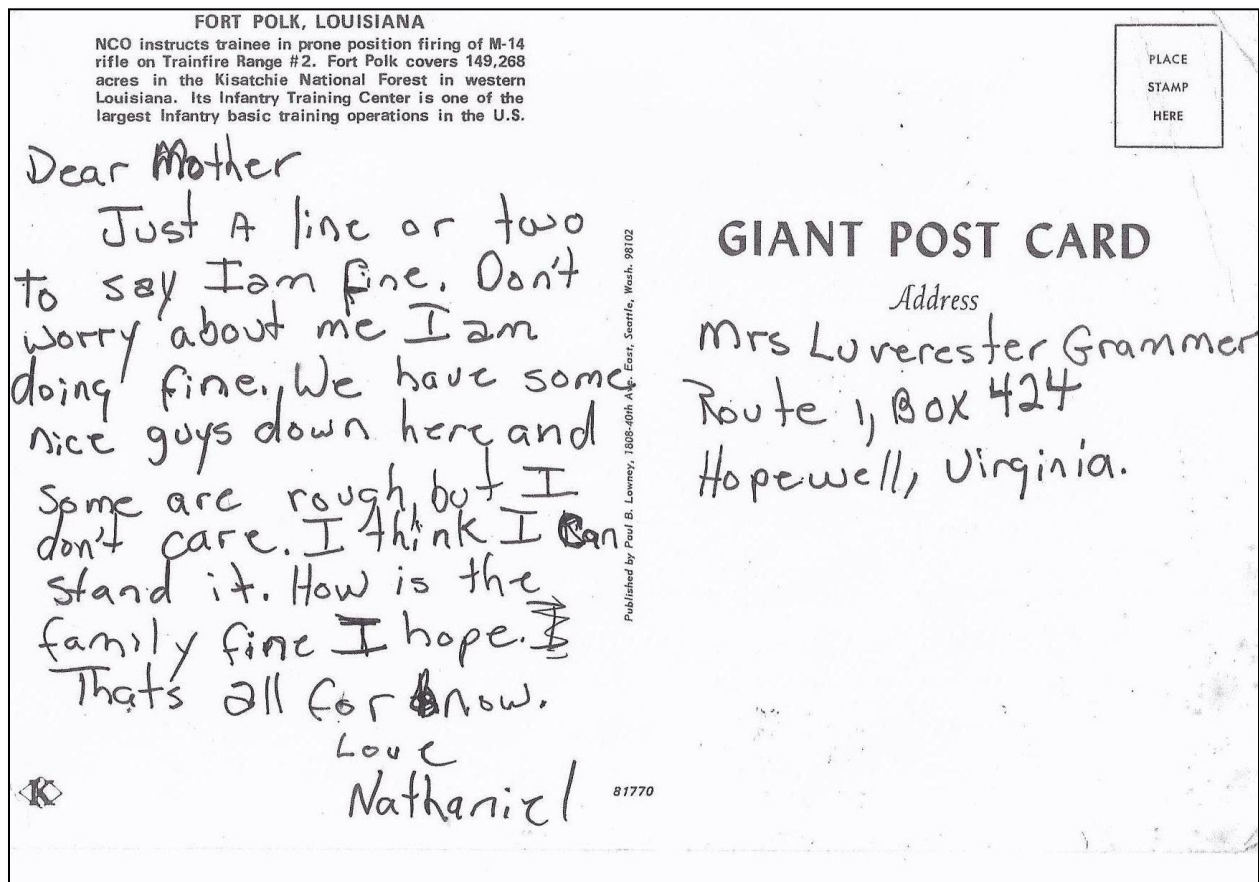
*Nathaniel's School Pictures*

Before entering military service, Nathaniel worked at Hughes Dry Cleaners in Hopewell. Nathaniel entered military service on June 17, 1968, and was trained as Airborne Infantry. He was assigned to the 75<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. His tour of duty in Vietnam started on December 8, 1968 and he was killed on February 8, 1969, just two months later. Nathaniel's remains were returned home where, after funeral services were conducted at Harrison Grove Baptist Church, he was interred at the City Point National Cemetery in Hopewell, VA with full military honors.

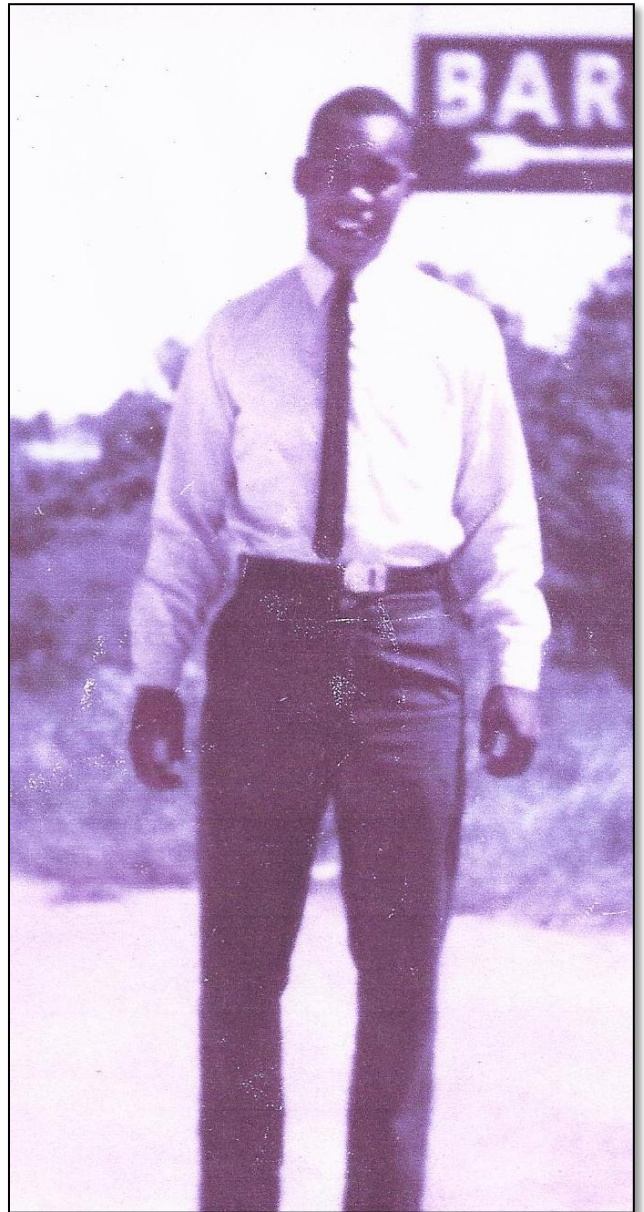
Military awards that Nathaniel received include Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Metal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal and Purple Heart Medal.

The collection of mementos and pictures included in this document were provided by Nathaniel's sister.

*Below: Postcard from Nathaniel to his Mother while he was in training at Ft Polk, Louisiana.*




*Below: Pictures of Nathaniel while in the Army*



Below: Army Certificate of training

**Department of the Army**



**Certificate of Training**

*This is to certify that*

PVT E1 Nathaniel Irving US 52 917 976

*has successfully completed*

Leader Preparation Course

*Given at*

FORT POLK ACADEMY  
Fort Polk, Louisiana 71459  
6 September 1968

  
HENRY F WENZ  
Major, Infantry  
Commandant

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Nathaniel's only child, Connie, was born six months after he was killed. The picture to the left was taken when she was two years old.

Rte 1, Box 404  
Hopewell Virginia  
March 6, 1969

We will often sit and think of you.  
And of the way you died,  
that you could never say good-bye  
before you closed your eyes.

Death came into our midst and took  
our beloved son, Brother and Nephew, P.F.C  
Nathaniel Irving left us to return no more  
suddenly Feb. 8, 1969 while on duty in Viet Nam  
Born July 16, 1948, and a native of Prince George  
county, at an early age he made his  
profession of faith in Jesus Christ and was  
baptized into the membership of the  
Harrison Grove Baptist Church. His membership  
remain until the day of his passing.

He entered into the Arm Forces June 17, 1968.  
He was a loving son and Brother, loved his  
family and done what he could to help them  
There are so many things to be remembered  
about him but too numerous to mention

He leaves many broken hearts. Among  
them are, His devoted Mother  
Mrs. Louversia Irving Grammer of Hopewell, Va  
Stepfather James Grammer, Six Sisters, Mrs.  
Jennie L. Blanding, Mrs. Eliza L. Peterson, Mrs.  
Florence L. Tate, Misses Catherine, Irene, and  
Joyce Grammer all of Hopewell Va, Five  
Brothers William H. and Robert L. Irving  
James H. Jr. Eugene and John Grammer of  
Hopewell, Va Five Aunts, four Uncles, two  
Sister-in-laws, three Brother-in-laws, Nieces  
Nephews other relatives and many many  
Friends

We will miss manchie as he was known  
to us, also his pleasant smile, his  
nearness and above all we will miss  
him. The Blow was Hard

The shock severe.  
We never thought your death so near.  
But only those who have lost can tell  
the pain of parting without farewell.

From the Family

Below: Nathaniel's Family: Mother, Sisters & Brothers



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PETERSBURG, VA.

## Memorial Obituary

Entered Into Eternal Rest  
Saturday, Feb. 8, 1969

### PFC NATHANIEL IRVING

Pfc. Nathaniel Irving, of Route 1, Box 404, Hopewell, died suddenly, Feb. 8, in Vietnam, as a result of enemy action.

Pfc. Irving was a native of Prince George County, member of Harrison Grove Baptist Church.

Surviving are: mother, Mrs. Luverster Irving Grammer, of Hopewell; step-father, James Grammer; six sisters: Mrs. Jennie M. Blanding, Mrs. Eliza Peterson, Mrs. Florence Tate, Miss Catherine, Irene and Joyce Grammer, all of Hopewell; five brothers: William H., Robert L. Irving; James H. Grammer, Jr., Eugene and John Grammer, all of Hopewell; five aunts, four uncles, two sisters-in-law, three brothers-in-law, a number of nieces and nephews.

Remains rest at the Turner Funeral Home, Arlington Rd., Hopewell.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 4 p.m. in the Harrison Grove Baptist Church, Prince George County. The Rev. Albert Waiters will officiate. Interment will be in the City Point National Cemetery, Hopewell.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 5, 1969

Dear Mrs. Irving:

It was with profound regret that I learned of the death of your son, Private First Class Nathaniel Irving.

I realize the great sorrow you have been called upon to bear. It is my sincere hope that you will gain consolation from the memory of your son's unselfish dedication to our free world at a critical time when brave and dependable men were so urgently needed. Our country is grateful for your son's contribution to the cause of freedom.

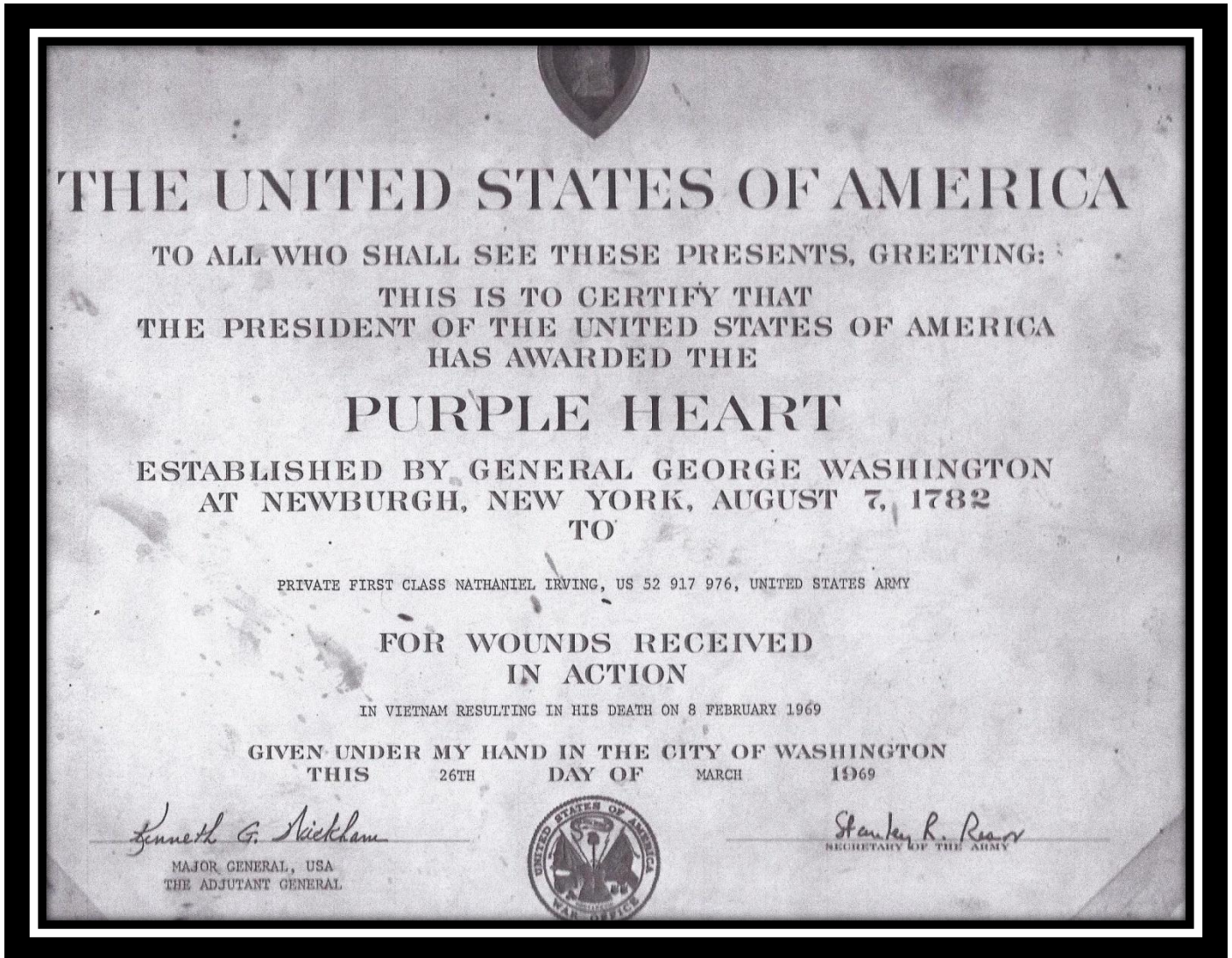
Mrs. Nixon joins me in extending to you our sincere sympathy and you may be sure you will remain in our prayers.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Luverester Irving  
Route One, Box 424  
Hopewell, Virginia

*Below: Nathaniel's Purple Heart Award Certificate*





*Final Resting Place  
City Point National Cemetery  
Hopewell, Virginia*

May 2014

This memorial tribute can be obtained by contacting:

The Prince George Regional Heritage Center

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Prince George, VA 23875

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