

06-03-1986 Kimberly Ann Storm – Military LEO – Low Water Crossing Accident - Culvert

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401st MP Company, 720th MP Battalion, 89th MP Brigade, III Corps
Line OF Duty Casualty ~ 3 June 1986, Ft. Hood, Texas



*They Say,
our deaths are not ours,
they are yours,
they will mean what
you make of them.
They say,
we leave you our deaths,
give them some
meaning.
Archibald MacLeish
poet and WWI
veteran.*



*Click on individual ribbons and
badges for criteria*



**There is no contact
information on file for the
next of kin.
If you served with PFC Storm
and would like to post a
remembrance, please use the
[Email Link.](#)**

Circumstances Resulting In Casualty

PFC Storm, age 19 was responding to 401st MP Company 'Low Water Crossing' duty. Her platoon was moving up to the motor pool to deploy to their assigned crossing duty in jeeps. A passing Deuce-and-a-half truck forced them further to the side of the shoulder where she lost her footing on the wet ground slipping into the ditch,

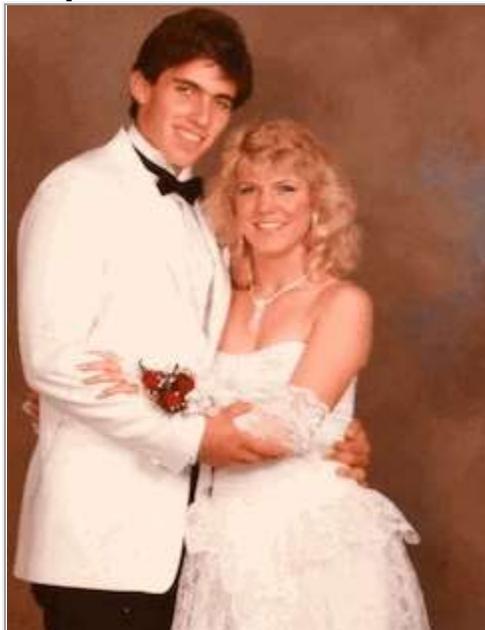
and was sucked into the open drain culvert by the swift running storm water between Battalion Headquarters and the motor pool. Her body was found later in a drainage ditch near Darnell Army Hospital.

Remembrance The company held a memorial service for her and there was standing room only.

I remember PFC Storm was thin, athletic and had blond hair. She always smiled and I don't recall her ever saying a bad word to or about anyone, nor did she ever complain.

She was a very easy person to get along with and she seemed to have it all together. Her death was a really sobering event for all of us. We were used to dealing with injuries and death from fights, car crashes, and suicides, but it was never one of our own and never in such an unforeseeable and tragic way.

She told us once she had a twin sister. I like to believe that we all imagined how lucky her sister was for those 19 short years. SPC/4 Murray "Manny" Van Pelt, 401st MP Company.



High School Prom



Remembrance I was a SPC/4 in the 401st MP Company with PFC Storm when she drowned. It was a terrible day for all of us.

There was a horrible rainstorm that day and our unit had to report to the motor pool to get our vehicles and head out for flood patrols throughout Fort Hood. Teams were deployed to low-lying areas that would rapidly flood and were responsible to reroute traffic.

Kim was walking on the side of the road to the motor pool that day when a deuce and a half drove past her and caused her to move close to the ditch. The water in the ditch was very high and moving very rapidly.

Kim fell in and was immediately swept into the drain system. No one was able to rescue her because it all happened so quickly.

I remember the entire unit and emergency personnel were looking for her until her body surfaced from a drain far from where she entered the drainage system.

I have never forgotten that horrible day. Sincerely, SPC/4 Lisa Ackerman, 401st MP Company.

Remembrance My name is Danny Cummins. I was a Platoon Sergeant in the 411th MP Company at the motor pool with my platoon that afternoon when it started to rain. I remember having to do a 100% accountability of my soldiers and account for all my female soldiers face to face. Then I was informed why.

The old motor pool is no longer there, nor the old battalion barracks. Danny Cummings, 411th MP Company.

Remembrance *As the thirtieth anniversary of Kim's death approaches I can't help but remember that fateful day in 1986. I was a member of the Ft. Hood Traffic Safety Enforcement Unit (III Corps) and was working the day of the storm.*

Rain in central Texas could be brutal. It would rain unbelievably hard for a relatively short period of time, but the baked Texas earth couldn't handle the volume of water. The open culverts along the roadways would swell with rapid, turbulent water in a matter of minutes.

I remember being alerted of a missing soldier and dispatched to begin checking roadside culverts for signs of the victim. After looking for a period of time I was directed to the area near Darnell (DACH) where a recovery operation was in progress. As a young MP in the traffic unit I was witness to many tragedies. This was tough, though; so senseless and truly accidental.

I did not know PFC Storm personally. But I have always remembered that day and the sight of her being pulled from the water and the extraordinary efforts I witnessed as medical personnel worked to revive her. My thoughts and prayers have long been with Kim's family and friends. SPC. Matthew Reed LEA, USAG, 720th MP Battalion (South Windsor, CT) .

Remembrance *I started in the 410th MP Company and was later transferred to LEA Traffic where I was assigned on this day.*

I can't say I was friends with Kimberly but I certainly knew her as a coworker and acquaintance. She was bright, friendly, and very well-regarded.

I had often thought about her, and this day, anytime I would hear of a similar type tragedy. To wake up today and see her photo on the "Officer Down Memorial Page" was something entirely different.

After 30 years there was instant recognition even before reading the caption. We know she fought for her life, and I believe every MP at Ft. Hood was impacted by her death.

Rest In Peace Private First Class and Military Police Officer Storm. Thank you for your service. You will not be forgotten. Sergeant Glenn Kaletta, Plano Texas Police Department