



**CHOSIN RESERVOIR DETACHMENT #968
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
THE CHOSIN NEWS**



**KERMITT U. THOMPSON
STAFF SERGEANT, U S. MARINE CORPS
VIETNAM VETERAN**



“THOMPSON, Kermitt U. age 65, of Middletown, died Sunday, February 1, 2009 at his residence. He was born October 19, 1943 in Middletown, Ohio, the son of Theodore Roosevelt Thompson and Lorine (Howard) Thompson. Kermitt was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps serving during Vietnam. He worked for General Motors for 25 years. He is survived by his wife, Deborah Lynn (Smith) Thompson; one daughter, Melissa (Larry) Grimes of Economy, Indiana; two sons, Michael Thompson, Dwight Kermit (Teresa) Thompson both of Middletown; six grandchildren; his mother, Lorine Thompson of Middletown; two sisters, Deloris Helsel of Middletown, Loretta (Roger) Gillespie of Washington; and two brothers, Ted (Sue) Thompson (Specialist 4, U.S. Army) and Bill (Anjie) Thompson (Sergeant, U.S. Army) both of Middletown. He was preceded in death by his father, Theodore Roosevelt Thompson and a granddaughter, Alexis Shay Thompson. Funeral services will be 11:00 AM Friday at the Breitenbach-McCoy-Leffler Funeral Home www.breitenbachfuneralhome.com with Reverend Frank Kelly officiating. Visitation will be from 10-11:00 AM, Friday at the funeral home. Published in The Middletown Journal on 2/4/2009”



Kermitt & Deborah Thompson on their wedding day, October 26, 1979

Following high school graduation, in July 1961 Kermitt enlisted in the Marine Corps. He went through Boot Camp at Paris Island, SC. His other Marine assignments included San Diego, California; Okinawa, Japan; and two tours in Vietnam. His medals received included the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal (w/device), National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal (2 Awards), Expert Rifle M16 Badge. In June 1967, Kermitt was Honorably Discharged from active duty as a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps. In December 1979, Kermitt was Honorably Discharged from the active reserves.

On Friday, February 6, 2009 **The Chosin Reservoir Detachment Casket & Funeral Guard** was honored to serve the Thompson Family during the Visitation for Staff Sergeant Kermitt U. Thompson. The detail consisted of Marines Walter Golladay, Chuck Klosterman and Mike Miller.

Following the Visitation, and prior to the funeral, The Combined Honor Guard from American Legion Post #218 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #3809, Middletown, Ohio fired a 3-volley rifle salute, played taps and presented a folded U.S. Flag to the family of Staff Sergeant Kermitt Thompson. The Combined Honor Guard is led by dual NCOICs John Paynter, 1st Sgt, and Daryl Short, 1stSgt.