

## Letter from Alabama Veteran Rollie Keith Reaid:

Vietnam, December 1972

“Dear Mother,

“Everything is pretty quiet here tonight. My mood is somber. I’ve written another poem:

“As I lie here in silence there may be many beautiful flowers that surround me  
But I can no longer smell their sweetness nor see their beauty  
In life you gave me flowers of help, thankfulness, love and kindness  
From you I received a flower of wisdom, knowledge and guidance  
To those who gave to my bouquet of life, thank you for making my life a little more beautiful.

“Thanks, Mom. That’s it for today, give everyone my love.

“Your son,”

Keith