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AFTER 40 YEARS GIBBSBORO STILL REMEMBERS

PFC Joseph E. Lauer

KIA May 31, 1968

PFC Gary F. Cysewski

KIA September 11, 1968

**NEARLY FORTY YEARS AGO THIS WEEK PFC JOSEPH LAUER OF
GIBBSBORO WAS KILLED IN VIETNAM.**

Memorial Day Services

Monday, May 26

8 a.m. American Legion
9:15 a.m. Cedar Grove Cemetery
9:45 a.m. Triangle
10:15 a.m. Lauer Playground





JOSEPH EDWARD LAUER was born on December 19, 1948. A resident of Gibbsboro, he was the only son of Clarence and Catherine Lauer. Lauer belonged to the Class of 1967, the first graduating class of Eastern Regional High School. A member of the baseball and football team, Lauer was accepted into the Varsity Club and also was involved in many school activities including the Drafting Club, Drama Club, Grid Club and Gymnastics Show. After graduating from Eastern, Lauer enlisted in the US Marine Corps and volunteered to go to Vietnam.

Lauer's tour started on May 8, 1968 and only 23 days after arriving in Vietnam, PFC Lauer, on May 31, 1968, was killed in Quang Tri, South Vietnam, the result of hostile mortar fire. It took 12 days to fly his body home. The viewing was held Friday evening June 14 at the family home at 49 Winding Way in Gibbsboro.

Lauer's legacy still prevails through Gibbsboro and Eastern Regional High School. In the Gibbsboro American Legion Hall, a showcase is dedicated to Lauer's life and death. Lauer Memorial Playground, in Gibbsboro, is dedicated to his memory. Each year on Memorial Day a service is held at the park and the flag from

his funeral is removed from the showcase at the American Legion and raised above the park for the service. Lauer Lane, across from the Gibbsboro Elementary School, has been dedicated in Lauer's memory. On May 21, 1998, 30 years after Joseph Lauer's death, Eastern Regional High School held a memorial assembly for the entire student body to recognize and remember this student that sacrificed his life for his country.

GARY FRANCIS CYSEWSKI was a Private First Class (PFC) in the US Army's First Infantry Division. He entered service from Minnesota and began his service in Vietnam on August 13, 1968. He was killed by hostile small arms fire just 29 days later on September 11, 1968 in Binh Long, South Vietnam. Cysewski is interred in the veterans section of the Cedar Grove Cemetery in Gibbsboro. He occupies a place of honor in front of the American Flag Pole.

For more information on this press release and Gibbsboro visit:

www.gibbsborotownhall.com

Directions

From 295 take exit 32 toward Gibbsboro (Haddonfield-Berlin Road/CR 561) for approximately 3.7 miles:

American Legion Post 371

41 Lakeview Dr North

(on the right at the signalized intersection of CR 561 and Lucas Boulevard)

Cedar Grove Cemetery

Clementon Road (AKA Gibbsboro Road)

(Located midway between the Paintworks Corporate Center and the Lindenwold border)

Parade Marches from the cemetery to the American Legion Memorial

American Legion Memorial

(At the intersection of Clementon Road, Kirkwood Road, and Foster Avenue)

Joseph Lauer Playground

(At the intersection of Hilliards Road and Norcross Road)

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