

# Ed Freeman American Hero



**You're an 18 or 19 year old kid. You're critically wounded, and dying in the jungle in the Ia Drang Valley, 11-14-1965. LZ Xray, Vietnam. Your Infantry Unit is outnumbered 8 - 1, and the enemy fire is so intense, from 100 or 200 yards away, that your own Infantry Commander has ordered the MediVac helicopters to stop coming in.**

**You're lying there, listening to the enemy machine guns, and you know you're not getting out. Your family is 1/2 way around the world, 12,000 miles away, and you'll never see them again. As the world starts to fade in and out, you know this is the day.**

**Then, over the machine gun noise, you faintly hear that sound of a helicopter, and you look up to see a Huey, but it doesn't seem real, because no Medi-Vac markings are on it.**

**Ed Freeman is coming for you. He's not Medi-Vac, so it's not his job, but he's flying his Huey down into the machine gun fire, after the Medi-Vacs were ordered not to come.**

**He's coming anyway.**

**And he drops it in, and sits there in the machine gun fire, as they load 2 or 3 of you on board.**

**Then he flies you up and out through the gunfire, to the Doctors and Nurses.**

**And, he kept coming back..... 13 more times.... and took about 30 of you and your buddies out, who would never have gotten out.**

**Medal of Honor Recipient Ed Freeman died last Wednesday at the age of 80, in Boise, ID.....May God rest his soul.....**