



# Madison High School

Madison Tennessee

1955 TO 1986



Madison Alumni lost but *NOT* forgotten!



## Class of 65



**Corp James Van “Jimmy” Howard**

**Died: Oct 30, 68**

**Obit:** Son of country music singer Jan Howard Stepson of Songwriter Harlan Howard!  
Jimmy was killed in Vietnam!

Jan Howard wrote the follow as a letter to her son and it was a hit song when he was killed!

My son my son I pray that you'll come home to me my son my son  
It seems only yesterday the most important thing on your mind  
Was whether you'd make the baseball team or get the new school jacket  
Like all the other kids had  
And I remember how your eyes lighted up when you got your first rod and reel  
For that big fishing trip just you and your dad  
And I remember wiping the tears away when you hurt yourself on your sled  
In those days it seems the house was filled with laughter and joy  
Filled with your friends and they were all such good boys  
And then came the day that you walked down the aisle  
To receive that all important diploma  
I was so proud but I couldn't believe that tall young man was my son my wonderful son  
And then I remember the little girl that was always around kinda tagging after you  
She's not so little anymore but she's still around who knows maybe someday  
Then you received the call that I guess we knew would come someday  
But it came so quick and now you're so very far away  
In the land that until a short time ago I didn't even know was there  
I know the time will pass you'll be home again  
But until that time my darling take care take special care  
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