

CPT CHARLES LANE

AUGUST 23, 2021

TABOR, SD



On November 26, 2019, South Dakota launched the Fallen Heroes Bridge Dedication Program. The program dedicates state bridges to South Dakota heroes who died while in active service, were a prisoner of war or were missing in action.

The South Dakota HWY 81 Bridge north of Yankton over the James River is dedicated to CPT Charles Lane. Lane, son of the late Bea Johnson, was raised in Tabor and in 1965 enlisted in the United States Air Force to fulfill his dream of being a pilot. In 1967 he was sent to Ubon Royal Thai Air Force Base. He was on his 92nd mission when he was shot down ten miles north of Hanoi on August 23, 1967.

Awards/Ribbons Lane Received:

- Silver Star
- Distinguished Flying Cross
- Purple Heart
- And numerous other awards and decorations

