

MARK YAMANE

Operation Urgent Fury, Grenada
Specialist

1st Ranger Battalion
75th Infantry Regiment
U.S. Army
Nov. 24, 1962 – Oct. 25, 1983
Shoreline, Washington

Born November 24, 1962 in Seattle, Washington to George and Charlotte Yamane. Attended Meridian Elementary School, Cordell Hull Junior High School and Shoreline High School.

Entered military service in 1981 and trained as a Ranger at Fort Benning, Georgia. Mark was assigned to the 1st Ranger Battalion, 75th Infantry and was killed in action October 25, 1983 on the Island of Grenada. While taking intense fire from Cuban soldiers, Yamane and fellow 1st Battalion Rangers parachuted onto an airfield with the mission of capturing the airport. He was shot on the tarmac while laying down machine gun fire.

Yamane received the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Bronze Star with V Device, Purple Heart, Parachutist Badge, Army Service Ribbon and Overseas Service Ribbon.