

## MAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MEMORIES

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I was a graduate of KENT State University in 1973 for Early Childhood and Elementary ED. I lived in Kent, making it our home after graduation. I had a 3 year old son, Tim and a 1 year old daughter, Kristy. It was a peaceful day of sunshine and warm weather.

Suddenly the streets were filled with tanks rolling down Main Street! Alarms were blasting! What was going on? I Turned to the News and found that our own tenant William Schroeder had been killed along with 3 other students by stray bullets fired by the National Guard!

The Colleges and Universities across the country had been demonstrating against the Cambodian war and the Demonstrations were getting increasingly more violent. This time it went too far!

These innocent students weren't even involved in the demonstration...they were just walking from class to class! This was so tragic! But it also served to stop the escalation across the world of student demonstrations. It took the killing of 4 innocent young and promising people to bring sense to this planet!

My husband, working in Akron, was stopped at the City line from coming home because the city was closed down! When he finally did get home...I went for a run to calm the anxiety down and I was stopped by the Police with a Curfew in the City!

William was a sweet young man who created a large lawn decoration in a class. I loved it so much...he gave it to me. We had it in our yard as a monument to William, who should have had a full and wonderful life!

Will we ever learn that war and violence hurts the innocent?

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