



**Timothy Paul Buss**  
**Corporal U.S. Marine Corps Reserve**  
**22 April 1971 – 21 April 1977**

Timothy, a native of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, was born on 30 July 1951 in St. Luke's Hospital in Fountain Hill, Pennsylvania. He attended Rosemont Elementary School, Nitschmann Jr. High School, and Liberty High School, all in Bethlehem. He then enrolled in Northampton County Area Community College (NCACC) in Bethlehem. On 22 April 1971, while continuing his studies at NCACC, he enlisted as a Private in the Marine Corps Reserve for a period of six years. He was assigned to Headquarters & Service Company, 4<sup>th</sup> Service Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force, located in Freemansburg, Pennsylvania. In September 1971, he reported for active duty at Parris Island, South Carolina, where he underwent basic training. Following "Boot Camp" at Parris Island, Timothy was transferred to Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, where he went through basic infantry training, and then on-the-job training in a radio unit. He then returned to reserve status at Freemansburg, and was assigned the military occupational specialty of Communications-Radio Operator. Subsequently, Timothy spent five two-week periods of active duty training, two of which included radio operator training at Communication-Electronics School at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, California, and at Marine Corps Base, Twentynine Palms, California. On 1 May 1972, he began working for Mack Trucks in Macungie, Pennsylvania, while still continuing to work toward an Associates Degree of Science in Electronics at NCACC. He earned his degree in 1976. At Mack Trucks, he worked first as a Production Technician and later as a Material Technician, a position which he holds at the present time. In 1989, Timothy left Mack Trucks to work for Rexroth Corporation in Bethlehem for five years, and then returned to Mack Trucks in July 1994. On 22 October 1977, Timothy married **Jo Linda Bainbridge** (born 7 August 1953) in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, at which time they established their first home in Emmaus, Pennsylvania. The following year they moved to their permanent home in Lower Macungie Township. Timothy completed his six-year term of enlistment on 21 April 1977, and was discharged from the Marine Corps Reserve as a Corporal. He was awarded the Marine Corps Organized Reserve Medal for his service. Timothy and Jo Linda have two married daughters, **Karen Lynn Loeb**, and **Kimberly Jo Slack**. Timothy is a former member of the Lower Lehigh Lions Club International. He was also a member of the Emmaus Sentinels Sr. Drum & Bugle Corps from Emmaus, Pennsylvania (affiliated with American Legion Post #191), from 1967 to 1970, and the Reading Buccaneers Sr. Drum & Bugle Corps from Reading, Pennsylvania (affiliated with the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #179), from 1971 to 1975. Timothy's parents are **Paul Albert Buss** (10 August 1926 – 21 October 1999) and the former **Shirley Mae Weiss** (26 February 1928 – 7 October 2002). Timothy's Uncle, **Henry Joseph Buss** served in the Army Air Corps during 1945. His cousin, **Richard Henry Buss**, was a career Naval Officer who served in the Vietnam War during 1965 and 1966. Jo Linda's father, **John R. Bainbridge**, served in the Army in India during World War II from January 1943 to February 1946.