

## Route No.1, Box 144

Johnny Cash

His dying barely made the morning paper  
And they summed it up in twenty words or more  
Killed in action leaves wife and baby  
At Route 1 Box 144

He grew up on a little farm just a couple of miles out of town  
As a boy he worked in his daddy's field  
And when his daddy could spare him  
He hired out to the neighbors  
For whatever they could pay him  
He was thought of as just average a good boy  
Nothing more the average amount of friends  
He married his high school sweetheart  
They brought a little plot of ground  
Couple of miles out of town on a mailbox it said  
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Well back in town there were very few people that really knew him  
Because he hardly ever came to town  
Except for maybe on Saturdays of course the usual crew was always there  
But he didn't spent a lot of times with the usual crew  
He took care of his business  
Bought what he had to have or could afford for his family  
And went back to his little farm  
With a baby on the way he went to the army and it was a short while  
That the news came that he was killed in action  
His body was sent back on a plane and then by train  
And then they brought the body from the train station  
To Route 1 Box 144

He never did great things to be remembered  
He'd never been away from home before  
But you'd've thought that he was president or something  
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