



Jon Frank Nitkowski Co A-1

Jon is one of those extremely lucky guys who never was appreciated by the T.D. When not in the "load," he could be found down the hall starting a "rumble." A former student at the University of Wisconsin, he survived the academic department with few problems. We all know that he will continue to be successful in the Army.

Born – 18 Nov 1938, Oshkosh, WI

To USMA – Came from Oshkosh, WI. Appointed by Wisconsin 6th.

Died – 28 July 2012 (age 73) at Loudon, TN. Buried at West Point.

Military Awards – Bronze Star Medal, Commendation Medal, Air Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Schooling – Master's Degree in Education, University of Utah, Command and General Staff College.

Family – Married three times – Last Wife – Mary Fraik Nitkowski (11 years) – 2 children (Steven and Wendy who died in 2012) – 2 stepsons (Mark and C.J.) – 4 grandchildren and step-grandchildren.

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Jon served on active duty in the Army (Artillery and then Infantry) for 20 years, retiring in 1981, with the rank of Lt. Colonel. His first assignment was with the 26th Artillery Group. He then served in Vietnam (first tour - 8th Artillery), Wheeler, IN (youngest Commander of a Nike Missile Base during the Cold War, C-47), Vietnam (second tour), Salt Lake City, UT (University of Utah), Vietnam (third tour), West Point (Tactical Officer and Instructor in Leadership), Ft. Leavenworth (Combined Arms Combat Development Activity, CACDA), Carlisle, PA (Command and General Staff College), Ft. Polk, LA (Headquarters 5th Division).

After his retirement from the Army, Jon worked as in the aerospace industry. He was temporarily reactivated to help negotiate overland and air rights through Turkey for Gulf War I and perform other assignments. He worked for as an Engineer for the Hercules Company and Quality Assurance Manager, Aerojet Ordnance Company. Jon passed away on 28 July 2012, from pancreatic cancer, coronary artery disease, and diabetes.