



Monroe Bailey Harden Co A-2

Mony came to us from the second largest state in the union. His presence was always known by his resounding voice. Mony's high standards and reliability will carry him to a successful career in the army as it has brought him success here at the academy. Association with Mony has truly been a rewarding experience.

Born – 24 June 1937, Oklahoma City, OK.

To USMA – Came from Oklahoma City, OK. Appointed by the Regular Army. Nickname – “Mony”.

Died – 18 Mar 2006 (age 68) at Fort Worth, TX. Buried at Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery, TX.

Military Awards – 2 Bronze Star Medals, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal.

Schooling – Master's Degree in Math, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI).

Family – First Wife - Carolee Anderson Harden (11 years, passed away in Feb 1973) – 2 children (Monroe Jr. USMA '84 and Randy) - Second Wife – Donna Harden (33 years) – 2 children (Julie and Amanda) – 6 grandchildren.

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Mony served on active duty in the Army (Artillery) for 18 years (total of 20 uniformed years), retiring in 1979, with the rank of Major. His first assignment was with the 562nd Artillery in Texas. He then served in Maine (4th Air Missile Command), Korea (Headquarters, 61st Artillery), Ft. Sill, OK (Artillery & Missile School, A&MS), Vietnam (Battalion Commander, 5th Artillery, 1st Infantry Division), Troy, NY (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute), West Point, NY (Instructor, Math Department), Peterson AFB, Colorado Springs, CO (Headquarters, North American Aerospace Defense Command, NORAD).

After retiring from the Army, Mony taught math at Texas Christian University. His students experienced firsthand his unique ability to take what wasn't the clearest question, understand what it was the student was really asking, and respond in such a way that the mysterious concept suddenly became quite clear. Mony passed away on 18 Mar 2006.

Footnote – Mony was a lifelong stamp collector and student of postal history. In retirement he exhibited in stamp expositions and won a number of medals and awards. He was recognized by other philatelists as an expert in 19th century stamps, in particular the Banknote Issues and the Officials.