

## Gerald Allen Vick Co B-2

It seems that coed life at the University of Michigan is where it all started. From Beast on, life has been a merry whirl. He cultivated early a desire to outwit the academic departments, and the almighty trip was the answer. His ability to get along and his sincere readiness to help will insure success.

Born – August 25, 1938, in Illinois.

**To USMA** – from Morton Grove, IL, north of Chicago.

**Died** – 20 Feb. 2022 (age 83) at Arlington, VA. Buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Military Awards – Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Legion of Merit Medal.

**Schooling** – Masters Degree in Operations Research / Systems Analysis, ORSA, Naval Postgraduate School, NavPGS, Degree, Command & General Staff College, CGSC, Degree, National War College, NWC.

**Family -** Wife – Elizabeth (Beth Daub) Vick (57 years, deceased) – 2 children (Elizabeth and Marjorie) – 7 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild.

Contact – Elizabeth Bruno (daughter), Address 15401 Windmill Pointe Drive, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230, Phone unknown, Email unknown.

Jerry served on active duty in the Army (Corps of Engineers) for 28 years, retiring in 1989, with the rank of Colonel. His first assignment was with the Engineer Battalion of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, KY. He then served at Fort Bragg, NC (Counter Insurgency Course), Monterey, CA (Language School for Vietnamese language), Vietnam (1<sup>st</sup> tour, Advisor, Vietnamese Ranger Battalion), Fort Belvoir, VA (Company Commander, new Engineer Officer Candidate School, OCS Regiment), Monterey CA, (Student, Naval Postgraduate School, NavPGS), Pentagon, VA (Department of the Army, DA), Vietnam (2<sup>nd</sup> tour – Executive Officer, Combat Engineer Battalion), Fort Belvoir, VA (Engineer Advanced Course), Baltimore, MD (Baltimore Engineer District where he led flood response efforts in Wilkes-Barre, PA after Hurricane Agnes in 1972), Fort Leavenworth, KS (Student, Command & General Staff College, CGSC), Dexheim, Germany (XO and CO, 12<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion), Pentagon, VA (Office of the Corps of Engineers, OCE and Office of the Inspector General, Department of the Army, OIG DA), Washington, D.C. (Student, National War College, NWC), Pentagon, VA (J-5, Strategy, Plans & Policy, Joint Chiefs of Staff, JCS and then Operations Test and Evaluation Agency, OTEA).

After leaving active duty in the Army, Jerry had a successful career in business in real estate at Long and Foster and a financial advisor with Ferris Baker Watts. Jerry passed away on 20 February 2022.

Footnote – In honor of his time at West Point he is returning his class ring for the ring melt tradition ensuring that the Long Gray Line stays tangibly connected class to class and generation to generation.