



**Bruce Peter Holmberg Co C-1**

*Bruce came to West Point from the Army Prep school and has since proven his ability. At graduation many of us will know that Bruce deserved not only his diploma, but ours – without his ‘poop’ sessions we would never have made it.*

**Born** – 20 Feb 1939, St. Paul, MN. Army Brat. He **To USMA** – Came from St. Paul, MN (American High School in Paris France). Appointed by Florida 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Died** –26 Jan 2009 (age 69) at Bethesda Naval Medical Hospital. Buried at West Point.

**Military Awards** - 4 Bronze Star Medals (one with V), Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, 3 Meritorious Service Medals, Commendation Medal, Air Medal, Ranger Tab.

**Schooling** – MBA Degree, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Armed Forces Staff College, Army War College.

**Family** - Wife – Joan Davis Holmberg (46 years) – 2 daughters (Anne and Leigh) – 4 grandchildren.

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Bruce served on active duty with the Army (Artillery) for 23 years, retiring in 1984, with the rank of Colonel. His first assignment was with the 319 Artillery, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division at Ft, Bragg (Battery Officer and Aide to ADC). He then served in Munich, Germany (Battery Commander and Division Artillery nuclear weapons officer, 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division), Ft. Irwin, CA (Training for Vietnam), Vietnam (Assistant S3 and Battery Commander, 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 9<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, 1<sup>st</sup> Division), Ft. Sill, OK (Artillery Advanced Course), West Point, NY (Company Tactical Officer and Regimental S-1), Norfolk, VA (Armed Forces Staff College), Korea (Executive Officer and acting Battalion Commander, 38<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division), Pentagon (Structure Analyst, Army PA&E), Ft. Ord, CA (Battalion Commander and Division Artillery Executive Officer, 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division), Carlisle, PA (Army War College), Heidelberg, Germany (Headquarters USAREUR), Kitzingen, Germany (Division Artillery Commander, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division), Wurzburg, Germany (Chief of Staff, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division), Pentagon (XO, Office of the Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, DCSOPS).

After retirement from active duty in the Army, Bruce worked for several government contractors including working as a Project Manager for the ISC Corporation, Director of Strategic Planning for the SRA Corporation and Vice President and Partner of the ARCCA Company. ARCCA provides crash testing and engineering and occupant safety projects for a variety of clients including the U.S. Army. Bruce was diagnosed with multiple myeloma in 2000, which was believed to be caused by exposure to Agent Orange in Vietnam.

Bruce retired again determined to live life to its fullest. In his extensive workshop, Bruce designed and created fine pieces of furniture for all his family members. He continued skiing with Ski Liberty Ski Patrol, where he had been patrol director for several years. He took fly fishing trips to Montana. He bought a Harley and never missed riding it in the annual Riding Thunder tribute to our nation's Veterans. He received his pilot's license and spent time soaring in the clouds. He became a volunteer for the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation and the '61 Wounded Warrior Mentor Program. Bruce passed away on 26 January 2009, from the multiple myeloma.