



Roger Lamont Cornelius Co C-1

A devoted cadet (brown boy and bridge), and constant source of last-minute poop, Rog still found time to come so close to stars the first two years that, until he got them in '60, it made you wonder if he lived the good life. A confirmed bachelor and lover of fine liquor, the Southern Gentleman had but one gripe: The welfare state. How can he miss?

Born – 16 June 1939, New Orleans, LA. Roger was the twin brother of classmate Russell Cornelius (Co H-1).

To USMA – Came from New Orleans, LA. Appointed by Louisiana 2nd. Nickname – “Lefty”.

Died – 29 Mar 1966 (age 26) at New Orleans, LA. Buried at Lake Lawn Park Cemetery, New Orleans, LA.

Military Awards – National Defense Service Medal.

Schooling – MBA Degree, Tulane University.

Family - Wife – Anne Underwood Cornelius (3 years) – No children.

Contact – Anne Cornelius, Address unknown, Phone unknown, Email unknown.

Roger served on active duty in the Army (Corps of Engineers) for 2 plus years, being medically discharged in 1963, with the rank of 1st Lieutenant. His first and only assignment was with the 325th Engineers, 101st Airborne Division in Ft. Campbell, KY. In early 1963, Roger was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma, a malignancy that was treatable, but usually fatal.

Returning to New Orleans, Roger attended Tulane University. After graduation, he joined the staff of a local accounting firm. Roger passed away on 29 March 1966, from the Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Footnote – Tulane students and faculty created the Roger L. Cornelius Award, now the top honor conferred on a Tulane MBA graduate. The bronze plaque in the entrance hall reads, in part, “To commemorate Mr. Cornelius' dedication to the highest standards of business scholarship and leadership. This award is presented to the graduating student in the master of business administration program who best exemplifies these qualities.”