



Benjaman Cyrus Glidden Co C-2

Ben didn't know the word "quit" while he was a cadet; he will carry this quality into his future endeavors. A hard worker from Northern Michigan, Ben commanded great respect from all who were associated with him. As a leader by example, he never failed to get the ultimate performance from his command. No obstacle should be too tough for Ben.

Born – 21 Oct. 1938 in Alba, in northern MI.

To USMA – from Elmira, MI.

Died – 19 Jan. 2021 (age 82) at Wichita, KS.

Buried at Alba, MI.

Military Awards – Navigator Wings, Air Medal.

Schooling – Masters of Public Administration, MPA Degree, Harvard University, Doctorate of Public Administration, PhD Degree, University of Pittsburgh, Masters of Management in Library and Information Science, MLIS Degree, University of Denver.

Family - Wife – Kathleen Glidden – 3 children (Heather, Lance, Hope) - 10 grandchildren - 4 great-grandchildren.

Contact – Kathy Glidden, Address Wichita, KS, Phone unknown, Email unknown.

Ben served on active duty in the Air Force for 20 years, retiring in 1981, with the rank of Lt. Colonel. His first assignment was at the Navigator School at Matthews Air Force Base. He then served as a Navigator with the 235th Troop Carrier Squadron, TCSq, flying on C-130 Transports carrying troops, equipment and supplies to Vietnam, Thailand, Spain, Panama, Cambridge, MA (Student, Harvard University), Colorado Springs, CO (Instructor, Department of Political Science, U.S. Air Force Academy, USAFA), Pittsburgh, PA (Student, University of Pittsburgh), Denver, CO (Student, University of Denver). His last assignment was as a USAFA Assistant Professor of Political Science and the Director of Libraries.



After retiring from active duty in the Air Force, Ben had a successful business career as a Financial Planner and Stock Broker. Ben passed away on 19 January 2021.

Footnote – Ben's real talent was enhancing and guiding the education of others. He was always supportive of goals and mentoring many....His passion for helping and mentoring young adults onto successful paths was central to his beliefs....We shall all miss Grandpa Ben. Godspeed.