



**Frederick Donald Daniloff Co C-2**

*Considered as "no sweat," Fred expended most of his energies in sports while keeping his marks within the top 150. He is a disciple of having a good time – his best moments of college life at West Point were on vacations. Fred's future wife will no doubt have a great influence on his future – a bright future, too!*

**Born** – 12 Mar 1938, North Abington, MA.

**To USMA** – Came from Brockton, MA. Appointed by the Regular Army.

**Died** – 22 Feb 1974 (age 35) at Ft. Rucker, AL. Buried at West Point.

**Military Awards** – 2 Bronze Star Medals, 20 Air Medals (one with V), Army Commendation Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross.

**Schooling** – Master's Degree in Aeronautical Engineering, Stanford University.

**Family** - Wife – Phyllis Smith Daniloff (13 years) – 3 children (Debbie, Eric, and Philip) – grandchildren.

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Fred served on active in the Army (Corps of Engineers then Army Air) for 13 years, until his untimely death in 1974, with the rank of Major. His first assignment was with the 35<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion at Ft. Lewis, WA and TDY to Alaska. He then served at Ft. Rucker, AL (Fixed Wing Pilot Course), Ft. Wolters, TX (Rotary Wing Pilot Course), Italy (110<sup>th</sup> Aviation Company, Southern European Task Force, SETAF), Vietnam (first tour – Pilot and Section Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division and the Engineer Command), Ft. Belvoir (Engineer Advanced Course), Ft. Riley, KS (158<sup>th</sup> Aviation Battalion), Vietnam (second tour – Commander, 191<sup>st</sup> Assault Helicopter Company, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division), Palo Alto, CA (Stanford University), Patuxent Naval Air Station, MD (U.S. Navy Test Pilot School), Edwards AFB, CA (Aviation Systems Activity, Ft. Rucker, AL (Pilot Training). Fred passed away on 22 February 1974, in an accident during a test flight of an experimental aircraft – OV1 Mohawk (picture shown above).

Footnote – Citation of the Distinguished Flying Cross awarded during Fred's second tour in Vietnam - "Major Daniloff distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions while serving as aircraft commander of a transport mission to land near a downed aircraft and extract two wounded soldiers near Chou Duc. As he descended into the landing zone he came under enemy automatic weapons and mortar fire. Upon landing his aircraft he became the target of heavy enemy fire as he courageously attempted to extract the two men who were found dead in the aircraft. Fifteen minutes later, he volunteered to make an extremely critical evacuation of several wounded allied soldiers. Again, upon descending, his ship came under intense enemy fire with the mortar fire increasing as he landed. He remained on the ground directing the suppressive fire of his door gunners until all of the wounded were on board."