



Roger W. Obermeier Co D-2

Rog will always be remembered by his associates as being an efficient and hard working guy. The word "guy" is very appropriate since he was considered by all as one of the guys, even though his FD hat and shoes always shone a bit brighter than all of his classmates', during his stay at the Point. We expect to see Rog go places.

Born – 31 Oct 1936, Marshfield, WI.

To USMA – Came from Wisconsin Rapids, WI. Appointed by Wisconsin 7th future Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird.

Died – 19 June 2012 (age 75) at Wisconsin Rapids, WI. Cremains kept at home in Gilbert, AZ.

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

Schooling – Armor Advanced Course.

Family - Wife – Claudia Reinartz Obermeier (35 years) – Twin daughters (Heidi and Lori) – 3 grandchildren.

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Roger served on active duty in the Army (Artillery) for 23 years, retiring in 1984, with the rank of Lt. Colonel. His first assignment was with the 76th Artillery, 3rd Infantry Division in Germany. He then served at Ft. Knox, KY (Armor Advanced Course), Vietnam (first tour - 17th Artillery, 1st Cavalry Division), Los Angeles, CA (ROTC Program, University of Southern California), Vietnam (second tour – Military Assistance Command Vietnam, MACV), (212th Artillery Group, Ft. Hood, TX (Headquarters, III Corps Artillery), Korea (Field Artillery Liaison), Ft. Hood, TX (Headquarters, III Corps Artillery).

After leaving active duty in the Army, Roger taught Junior ROTC at Marcos de Niza High School in Tempe, AZ for 16 years. He started with 86 cadets and ended up with 255 cadets. Roger passed away on 19 June 2012, from prostate cancer.

Footnote from Roger – “My success in the military and in JROTC is attributed directly to my experience at West Point.”

Footnote from classmate – “Roger was a very quiet, conscientious guy who never had a bad word to say about anyone. D-2 had the privilege to get reacquainted with Roger at our 50th reunion. He knew at that time he was dying of cancer, yet never complained or asked for sympathy. He was a brave soldier to the end. Well done Roger – Be thou at peace.”