



Darryl Edgar Hersant Co F-1

Darryl is a Connecticut Yankee whose guitar is always at any gathering. The grand style was always his, be it skiing or sailing, or even going "D"; and he did a fine job on the swimming team. So fond of West Point that he did yearling year twice, this classmate will always be remembered.

Born – 26 June 1938 in Connecticut.

To USMA – from Willimantic, CT

Died – 26 April 2016 (age 78) at Springfield, MA. Buried at the family cemetery in Connecticut.

Military Awards – National Defense Service Medal.

Schooling – B.A. Degree in European History and German, University of Connecticut, M.A.T. Degree (Master of Arts in Teaching), Wesleyan University, PhD in Educational Law and Administration.

Family - Wife – Barbara Luf (53 years) – 2 children (Heidi and Sarah) – 6 grandchildren.

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Darryl served on reserve and active and duty in the Army (Infantry) for 3 years, resigning in 1965, with the rank of 1st Lieutenant. His active duty assignment was at Fort Bragg, NC.

After leaving West Point, Darryl attended the University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT and received a B.A. Degree in European History and German. He graduated as a Distinguished Military Graduate (DMG) and was commissioned as an Infantry Officer in the Army Reserve. After leaving reserve and active duty in the Army, Darryl had a successful career in teaching and education administration and management. He attended Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT and received an M.A.T. (Master of Arts in Teaching) Degree. He then worked as a Teacher, High School Principal, and later Superintendent of various schools in Connecticut and Massachusetts. Along the way, he received a PhD in Educational Law and Administration. He then served as the American Principal of the John F. Kennedy School (German American Public School) in Berlin, Germany. Darryl and Barbara saw the Berlin Wall come down in 1989, German Unification in 1990 and departure of the U.S. Army 6th Brigade in 1994. Darryl passed away on 26 April 2016, from ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease).

Footnote from Darryl – “My West Point career ended in the same manner as it began in Beast Barracks, with a massive shock. I was dismissed from the Academy two weeks before graduation for excessive demerits.....Looking back, West Point gave me a strong general education with a strong commitment to public service while the Army pointed the way to my career and taught me much about leadership. These institutions provided me with the foundation necessary to complete a career in public service.”