



Thomas R. Davis Co F-2

**Former Classmate
Graduated with the Class of 1962**

Born – 20 Mar 1939, Mississippi.

To USMA – Came from Holly Springs, MS, Appointed by Mississippi 2nd. Nicknames – “T.R.”. “The Ridge Runner”.

Died – 24 Mar 1973 (age 34) at Murfreesboro, TN. Buried at Hill Crest Cemetery, Holly Springs, MS.

Military Awards – National Defense Service Medal.

Schooling – Unknown.

Family - Wife – Delores (Dee) Barrett (8 years) – children unknown.

Contact – Dee Barrett, Address unknown, Phone unknown, Email unknown.

Tom was a former classmate from Company F-2 who graduated with the Class of 1962. He served on active duty in the Army (Infantry) for 8 years, resigning in 1970 due to a medical disability, with the rank of Captain. His first assignment was with the 1st Airborne Battle Group (Platoon Leader – unit became the 1st Battalion), 506th Airborne Infantry Regiment ("Currahee"- Band of Brothers), 101st Airborne Division at Ft. Campbell, KY. He then served at Ft. Ord, CA (2nd Advanced Individual Training Brigade, Army Training Center), and Vietnam. Before he deployed to Vietnam, he began to experience some episodes of dizziness, but it did not prevent his deployment in the summer of 1966. While serving there, Tom continued to experience dizziness, loss of memory, and seizures. After a few months, he was evacuated to Japan for medical treatment. When he returned to the States, he was assigned to the staff and faculty of the Army Infantry Center at Ft. Benning. Although his condition worsened, he was assigned to Ft. Richardson, AK, in 1969.

In 1970, while in Alaska, as a result of his deteriorating health, Tom had to resign from the Army. Back in Mississippi he was diagnosed with a very invasive, fast-growing, malignant brain tumor and spent the remaining two years of his life in a hospital. Tom passed away on 24 March 1973 from the brain tumor.

Footnote – Tom was a member of the infamous frostbitten Ranger Class 6 during the winter of 1962-63. They helped each other survive the mental and physical demands and kept each other moving during the night the temperature dropped below zero in the Georgia mountains.