



**Robert Winfred Bunton Co G-1**

*It was not quite like "Runnin Through the Everglades," but the old Flash had to step lively Plebe year after becoming famous for singing the "Wabash Cannonball." Yearling year saw the beginning of the end of his bachelorhood. Now he wants a wife, a car, and his gold bars. His success with these on his shoulders is guaranteed.*

**Born** – 2 Aug 1939, Fruitville, FL.

**To USMA** – Came from Bradenton, FL. Appointed by Florida 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Died** – 24 Feb 2004 (age 64) at Niceville, FL. Buried at Heritage Gardens, Niceville, FL.

**Military Awards** – National Defense Service Medal.

**Schooling** – Master's Degree in Aeronautical Engineering, University of Illinois, Doctorate Degree, Auburn University.

**Family** - Wife – Stephanie Valent Bunton (42 years – married the day after graduation, passed away 9 Feb 2012) – 3 children (Jon, Carolyn and Susie) – 4 grandchildren.

**Contact** – Jon, Carolyn, Suzie Bunton (children).

Bob served on active duty with Air Force for 6 years, resigning in 1967, with the rank of Captain. His first assignment was at Air Force Armament Laboratory, AFAL at Eglin Air Force Base, FL.

Bob and his family lived on Okaloosa Island for 26 years. They then moved to California, MD where Bob worked at the Naval Air Test Center for 13 years. He retired and moved back to Niceville, FL. Bob passed away on 23 February 2004, from ALS (also known as Lou Gehrig's disease).