



Roger Conan Lee Co H-1

Former Classmate

Graduated with the Class of 1962

From Howitzer bio, he found time for "dragging" and going out with "the boys." Classmates and wrestling teammates, recalled Roger as a "tough competitor—a loyal teammate who always hung in there faithfully."

Born – 17 Dec 1936, Lincoln, NE.

To USMA – Came from Omaha, NE. Appointed by Nebraska Senator Hruska.

Died – 22 Dec 2007 (age 71) at Shawnee Mission, KS. Buried at Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery, KS.

Military Awards – 4 Bronze Stars (3 with V), 3 Meritorious Service Medals, Legion of Merit, 5 Air Medals, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Schooling – MBA Degree, Syracuse University, Command and General Staff College.

Family – Wife – Laura L. Cooper Lee – 7 children and step-children (Linda, Laura, Jennifer, Brian, Jason Barrett, Jason Smith, Jeffery) - 11 grandchildren, one great grand-child.

Contact – Laura Lee, Olathe, KS.

Roger was a former classmate from Company H-1 who graduated with the Class of 1962. Roger served on active duty in the Army (Infantry and then Finance Corps) for 26 years, retiring in 1988, with the rank of Colonel. His first assignment was at Ft. Carson, CO with the 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized – Platoon Leader and Company Commander). He then served in Vietnam (first tour - 60th ARVN Battalion in the Delta where he first experienced the "cost" of the war), Ft. Benning, GA (Infantry Advanced Course), Vietnam (second tour – Battalion S-3, 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry, Americal Division), Recruiting Station (Recruiting Officer), Ft. Leavenworth, KS (Command and General Staff College), Syracuse, NY (Syracuse University), West Point, NY (Tactical Officer), Germany (Comptroller, 3rd Infantry Division), Ft. Riley, KS (Finance and Accounting Officer, Big Red One), Leavenworth, KS (Deputy Chief of Staff for Resource Management for the U.S. Army Combined Arms Center).

Following retirement from the Army, Roger worked as a Systems Analyst with TITAN Applications, Director of Budgets for the Kansas City Missouri School District, Director of Human Resources for Payless Cashway, Customer Service Manager for SRI International. He was killed in an automobile accident on 22 December 2007.

Footnote – During Roger's second tour in Vietnam, he was assigned special duty to a Special Operations Group, training small teams to go into North Vietnam to recover downed pilots. On one mission, Roger accompanied one of the teams, was captured, and remained in captivity for nine days before he was rescued. He suffered physically and mentally from that ordeal for the rest of his life.