



Howard Ellwood McCreary, Jr. Co I-1

Howdy, or the "Old Man," made the most of two years at Pitt by keeping classmates "pro." An unselfish and wonderful friend, he is easily on top of your every list. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors with the guns and missiles of the artillery.

Born – 1 Nov 1936, Johnstown, PA.

To USMA – Came from Johnstown, PA.

Appointed by the National Guard. Nickname – "Howdy", "Old Man".

Died – 26 Mar 2006 (age 69) at Johnston-Willis Hospital, Richmond, VA. Buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Military Awards – 2 Army Commendation Medals, 2 Meritorious Service Medals.

Schooling – Master's Degree, George Washington University, Master's Degree, Central Michigan University.

Family - Wife – Edda McCreary (42 years) – 4 children (Eva, Elaine, Chris and Patrick) – 3 grandchildren.

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Howard served on active duty with the Army (Artillery and then Ordnance Corps) for 16 years, resigning in 1977, with the rank of Major. His first assignment was with the 75th Artillery. He then served in Vietnam (18th Artillery), Ft. Sill (Artillery Advanced Course), Korea, Germany (Director of Maintenance), Aberdeen, MD (Ordnance School).

After retiring from active duty in the Army, he continued service to his country as a Department of Army Civilian Logistician, where he held numerous positions of responsibility at both Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD and at Fort Lee, VA. He also continued in the Army Reserves and in 1988, he retired from the Reserves with the rank of Lt. Colonel. In 1994, he retired as the civilian Deputy Director of Force Development and Evaluation. At the time of his death, he was employed as a military systems analyst with SY Coleman at Fort Lee, VA. Howard passed away on 26 March 2006, from viral encephalitis.