



**Ephram Whitworth Crews, Jr. Co K-1**

*Entering West Point from a Virginia tobacco farm satisfied Eph's or in the Boodlers, have been inspirational to all that know him. His affability and practicality will insure his success in any branch that is fortunate enough to get him.*

**Born** – 5 Feb 1939.

**To USMA** – Came from Boydton, VA. Appointed by Virginia 4<sup>th</sup>. Nickname – “Eph”.

**Died** – 14 June 1978 (age 39) at Fort Sam Houston, TX. Buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

**Military Awards** – 2 Bronze Star Medals, Army Commendation Medal.

**Schooling** – Master's Degree in Computer Science, Kansas State University, Command and General Staff College.

**Family** - Wife – Ann Hervey Crews (16 years), passed away 19 Nov 1977 – 2 children (Pat and Dave) – grandchildren

**Contact** – Pat Crews (daughter), David Crews (son), Emory Waldrep (friend), Dale Crews (cousin).

Eph served on active duty (Infantry and then Adjutant General Corps) 17 years before his untimely death in 1978, with the rank of Major. His first assignment was with the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC. He then moved to Honduras and the Canal Zone, U.S. Army South Headquarters at Fort Clayton. He served in Vietnam (first tour), Pentagon (Headquarters, Department of the Army), Vietnam (second tour), Ft. Leavenworth, KS (Command and General Staff College), Manhattan, KS (Kansas State University). In 1967, Eph changed branches from Infantry to the Adjutant General Corps). He then served at Ft. Hood, TX (Adjutant, Army Training & Doctrine Command's Combined Arms Test Activity, TCATA).

On 19 November 1977, on the Saturday before Thanksgiving, Eph and Ann were in a serious automobile accident in which their car caught fire. Ann was killed, and Eph was seriously burned while trying to save her. Eph was evacuated to Fort Sam Houston for treatment. He passed away seven months later on 14 June 1978, from the injuries with the rank of Lt. Colonel (promoted posthumously).