



Peter R. McGrath Co L-1

Former Classmate

Born – 21 Jan 1939, Grosse Point, MI.

To USMA – Came from Grosse Point, MI.
Appointed by Michigan Senator Potter.

Died – 10 May 2011 (age 72) at Stuart, FL. Buried at St. John's Cemetery, Lancaster, MA.

Military Awards – National Defense Service Medal.

Schooling – Bachelor's Degree in Business, Wayne State University.

Family – Wives – Gail McGrath Berry (1st wife of 23 years) – 2 sons (Shawn and Kevin) – Page Pettigen (2nd wife of 20 years) – 9 grandchildren and step-grandchildren.

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Pete came to West Point from Michigan and was one of the top high school tennis players in the country. He left West Point in May 1960 at the end of Cow year for academic reasons. He returned to Michigan and married Gail Berry. They had two boys – Shawn and Kevin. He worked several years for the Ford Company Lincoln Mercury Division. He joined the Michigan National Guard, attended the Officers Candidate School and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant. He left the Guard with the rank of Captain to attend Wayne State University in Detroit, MI. Pete and his wife Gail moved to Florida and opened an ice cream business and owned and operated a motel. He joined a Palm Beach County real estate business. He then started a successful construction company in Boynton Beach, FL. He then relocated to Lynchburg, VA where he lived for 20 years and started another successful construction company. He met and married Mary Page Pettigen who had three children of her own. While there he owned several race horses and won a few races. He often traveled to Lexington, KY to purchase horses. Pete passed away on 10 May 2011 from a long illness.



Footnote from classmate Marty Walsh – “Peter was a warm, supportive and reliable friend, mature, steady, plenty smart (despite his turnout stars), a star athlete, the most modest guy I ever have met. He chose not to exploit his tennis stardom, to experience the main stream cadet experience.”