



**Thomas Henry Magness III Co L-2**

*Tom will always be remembered as a loyal and enthusiastic member of the L-2 team. Often giving attention to the lighter side of things, he managed to keep us smiling in difficult times. Academics occasionally proved to be an obstacle, but Tom's slide rule functioned incessantly until "Cease Work" was given. Tom will prove to be an outstanding contribution to the Army.*

**Born** – 7 May 1937, Baltimore, MD. Army Brat.  
**To USMA** – Came from Arlington, VA. Appointed by California 26th.

**Died** – 28 Dec 2004 (age 67) at Veteran's Administration Hospital, Washington, D.C. Buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

**Military Awards** – Silver Star Medal, Purple Heart, Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, 2 Meritorious Service Medals, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal.

**Schooling** – Master's Degree in Geography, University of Wisconsin, Command and General Staff College, Registered Professional Engineer (PE).

**Family** - Wife – Dhana L. Magness – 4 children (Tom USMA '85, John, Jennifer and Paul) – 5 plus grandchildren.

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Tom served on active duty in the Army (Artillery and then the Corps of Engineers) for 25 years, retiring in 1986 with the rank of Colonel. His first assignment was with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division at Ft. Campbell, KY. He then served in Turkey, Ft. Sill, OK (Artillery Advanced Course), (Commander, Hawk Battery), Madison, WI (University of Wisconsin), Vietnam (S-3, 32<sup>nd</sup> Artillery and was severely wounded), West Point, NY (Instructor, Earth Space and Geographic Sciences Department), Ft. Leavenworth, KS (Command and General Staff College), Ft. Eustis, VA (Headquarters, Army Training and Doctrine Command, TRADOC), Germany (Chief Engineer, Environmental Office, U.S. Army Europe, USAREUR), Ft. Belvoir, VA (Assistant Director, Civil Works, Office of the Corps of Engineers), White House (Executive Office of the President), Pentagon (Chief, Army Environmental Office).

After retiring from active duty in the Army, Tom worked as the Vice President for Federal Programs with Ebasco Services, Director of Washington Operations with the Midwest Research Institute, and Director and Vice President for Corporate Marketing with Tetra Tech, Inc. Tom continued to serve the nation, working on environmental issues associated with Army transformation and the Joint Stewardship Working Group. He worked with National Guard units around the country on environmental assessments and taught courses on the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) at Duke University and at West Point. Tom passed away on 28 December 2004, from a heart ailment.