



William Austin Stricklen III Co M-1

With the exception of the nightmares handed to him by European History and Yearling math, this Army brat managed to get by with little or no trouble. Always ready with a helping hand or a friendly smile or word, he was M-1's gain and K-1's loss from Yearling year on. We'll guarantee his success.

Born – 15 Mar 1938, in North Carolina. Army Brat. Father was Colonel William A. Stricklen, Jr.
To USMA – Came from Reform, AL. Appointed by Alabama 7th.

Died – 14 Oct 2010 (age 72) at University Place, Takoma, WA. Buried at Calvary Cemetery, Tacoma, WA.

Military Awards – Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal.

Schooling – Command and General Staff College.

Family – 1st Wife – Sue Stricklen (married at graduation) – 3 children (Grace, Anita, William IV) – 2nd Wife – Helena Stricklen (41 years) - 1 child (Stephanie) – 9 grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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Bill served on active duty in the Army (Artillery and then Ordnance) for 14 years, leaving active duty in 1975, with the rank of Captain. His first assignment was with the 52nd Artillery in Germany. He then served with the 512th Ordnance Detachment, Fort Hunter Liggett, CA (Combat Development Experimentation Command, CDEC), Vietnam (Headquarters, 72nd Maintenance Battalion), White Sands Missile Range, NM (Hawk Ballistic Missile Program), Ft. Lewis, WA (Air Defense Division, Army Missile Test and Evaluation, WSMR).

After leaving active duty in the Army, Bill served in the U.S. Army Reserve as an instructor at the Command and General Staff College, Reno, NV. He retired from the Army Reserve in 1991, with the rank of Lt. Colonel. His civilian career included work as an Auditor for the State of Washington and work in the real estate industry. Bill passed away on 14 October 2010, from congestive heart failure.

Footnote from Bill's wife, Helena – "Bill enjoyed hunting and spending time on this boat fishing on Puget Sound, Washington."