



Lawrence Hurst Prather, Jr. Co M-1

Larry 'Montana' Prather, a true Army Brat, was well traveled before entering the Point. He immediately made a big hit with his athletic prowess and tremendous personality. One of the very few people who makes a continuous effort to make his friends happy, and who considers everyone his friend, 'Prarry Lather' will have no trouble ascending to great heights.

Born – 8 Mar 1938. Army Brat

To USMA – Came from Hamilton, MN. Appointed by Montana Senator Murray.

Died – 21 Aug 1997 (age 59) in Arlington, VA. Buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Military Awards – Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, 2 Army Commendation Medal, Air Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal.

Schooling – Command and General Staff College.

Family - Wife – Patty Kram Prather (36 years) - Married two days after graduation. – 2 daughters (Pam and Peggy) – 1 grandchild.

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Larry served on active duty in the Army (Armor) for 28 years, retiring in 1989, with the rank of Lt. Colonel. Larry's first assignment was with the 15th Cavalry, 4th Armored Division in Schwabach, Germany. He then served with the 4th Cavalry (Company Commander), Ft. Knox, KY (Armor Advanced Course), Fort Irwin and Vietnam (first tour - 34th Armor), Ft. Knox, KY (Armor School Faculty), Vietnam (second tour - G-3 Sec DMAC), Fort Leavenworth, KS (Command and General Staff College), Ft. Hood, TX (Headquarters, 2nd Armor Division), Ft. Sheridan (Inspector General, Army Recruiting Command, USAREC), Stuttgart, Germany (Headquarters, European Command, EUCOM), Nashville, TN (Training Officer, 30th Armored Brigade, Tennessee National Guard).

Larry's last active duty assignment was at the Pentagon, where he helped develop and later became the Director of the JCS Crisis Control Center. He worked tirelessly during Desert Shield/Storm and was never happier than watching the returning troops. He retired from active duty in 1989. However, he enjoyed only one day of retirement before being recalled to active duty for an additional six months to resume the Directorship. The position was converted to a civilian slot and Larry was asked to retire again and take the job as a civilian. Larry passed away on 21 August 1997, from a heart attack.