



Henmar Ruskin Gabriel Co D-1

Gabe was one of the “old” men of the class, having been to college and in the Army. To know him meant to know his favorite – Parachuting. With his intense interest in extra-curricular activities, he still managed to be in the top quarter. Now he will finally have to work as the Army swallows him for a profitable thirty years.

Born – 31 January 1936 in Delaware.

To USMA – from Richmond, VA. Appointed from the Army. Nickname – “Gabe.”

Died – 20 July 2021 (age 85) at Dallas, TX. Burial at West Point.

Military Awards – 2 Bronze Star Medals, 2 Air Medals, Combat Infantryman Badge, 2 Meritorious Service Medals.

Schooling – Master of Science in Industrial Engineering (Operations Research), MSE Degree, Arizona State University, Armed Forces Staff College.

Family - Wife – Susan Gabriel (31 years) – 5 children (Bill, Paul, Trey, Richard, Carol) – 11 grandchildren (one deceased), 1 great grandchild.

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Gabe served on active duty in the Army (Infantry) for 20 years (plus service before West Point), retiring in 1981, with the rank of Lt. Colonel. His first assignment was with 504th Airborne Battle Group in Mainz Germany. He then served at Bad Toelz, Germany (A Detachment Executive Officer and Commanding Officer, 10th Special Forces Group, Airborne), Dong Ba Tin, Vietnam (1st tour - B Detachment S4/S1, 5th Special Forces Group, Airborne), Fort Benning, GA (Commanding Officer, 3rd Training Regiment and Infantry Officer Advanced Course, IOAC), Tempe, AZ (Student, Arizona State University), Quang Tri, Vietnam (2nd tour – Battalion Operations Officer, Brigade Intelligence Officer, 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division), West Point, NY (Instructor/Associate Professor, Math & Computer Science, USMA), Norfolk, VA. (Student, Armed Forces Staff College, AFSC), Pentagon, VA (Deputy Chief, Operations Division, Computer System Support and Evaluation Agency, CSSEA and then Director, Force Accounting, Direct Support Operations, DSOPS, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff Operations, Department of the Army, ODCSO DA), Fort Richardson, AK (Management Information System Officer, MISO AK, 173rd Infantry Brigade).

After leaving active duty in the Army, Gabe had a successful career in information systems. He served as the Management Systems Officer, Wien Air Alaska, Manager of the Information Center of the City of Anchorage, Manager of Planning and Control, Information Technology of the Saudi Arabian Airlines in Jeddag, Saudi Arabia, and then an Independent Consultant. Gabe passed away on 20 July 2021, due to complications from Alzheimer’s disease.

Footnote from Gabe – “I enjoyed cheerleading. I still do a Rocket or two from time to time. I am often asked if I ever thought about quitting West Point. My answer is always, “No, I was given a gift and I was not going to let anyone take it from me.”