



**Mark Norman Silverman Co E-2**

*The Thinker, sometimes. He was serious about the higher things in life but succumbed to the jogs of a party with little persuasion. He lived in dread of the engineering courses but loved to match wits with the social scientists.*

**Born** – 15 Apr 1939, Massachusetts.

**To USMA** – Came from Brookline, MA. Appointed by Massachusetts 10th.

**Died** – 1 May 2005 (age 66) at Key Biscayne, FL. Buried at West Point.

**Military Awards** – Presidential Distinguished Rank Award, Secretary of Energy's Gold Medal Award.

**Schooling** – Master's Degree in Communications, University of Pennsylvania, Annenbush School.

**Family** - Wife – Trish Silverman (25 years) – 2 children (Tamra and Andrew) – grandchildren?

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Mark served on active duty in the Army (Artillery) for 4 years, resigning in 1965, with the rank of Captain. His first assignment was with the 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in Korea. He then served at Ft. Bragg with the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division.

After leaving active duty in the Army, Mark attended the University of Pennsylvania. He then embarked on a career of civilian public service. He served as the Director of Public Affairs Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Manager, Department of Energy (DOE) Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) in Denver, CO, Deputy Manager of the DOE Savannah River Operations in South Carolina, Manager, DOE Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site (nuclear weapons production complex) in Denver, CO, and President of Silverman Consulting. He served as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Denver. Mark passed away on 1 May 2005, from a brain tumor.

Footnote from Mark on his environmental cleanup work at Rocky Flats, CO – “Little did I know when I graduated in 1961 that the skills I would need in the post-Cold War era involved negotiations and building political coalitions. The most daunting task I inherited in 1993 was to overcome the distrust, anger, and hostility between Rocky Flats and its stakeholders including the regulators, citizens, news media, and elected officials at all levels. In order for Rocky Flats to get on with the task of reducing the risk and cleaning up the site, I would have to forge an alliance of environmentalists, peace activists, elected officials, and regulators. This coalition was essential to our reaching a regulatory enforceable cleanup agreement with the State of Colorado and the Environmental Protection Agency.”