



Andrew Franklin Bennett, Jr. Co L-2

Andy's earnest conscientiousness and rigid adherence to principle set an excellent example for his associates. A sense of fair play and an appreciation of the humorous won our respect and loyalty. We shall not forget this hard-working Tennessean. His success in coming years is virtually guaranteed.

Born – 25 Nov 1937 (Thanksgiving Day), Tennessee.

To USMA – Came from Cleveland, TN. Appointed by Tennessee 3rd.

Died – 27 Nov 2014 (Thanksgiving Day – age 77) at Cleveland, TN. Buried at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Cleveland, TN.

Military Awards – Bronze Star Medal (with V), Army Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal.

Schooling – Law Degree, University of Tennessee.

Family - Wife – Nancy Walker Bennett (51 years) – 3 children (Dana, Andrew and Edward) – 9 grandchildren - 3 great grandchildren.

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Andy served on active duty in the Army (Artillery) for 9 years, resigning in 1970, with the rank of Major. His first assignment was with the 80th Artillery in Korea. He then served Ft. Bliss, TX (Nike Zeus Test Unit, White Sands Missile Range, NM), Vietnam (Headquarters, I Corps, 3rd Marine Amphibious Field Command, Da Nang), Ft. Sill, OK (Combat Development Command, Field Artillery Agency).

After leaving active duty in the Army, Andy attended and received a law degree from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, TN. He continued serving in the Army Reserves, retiring after a total of 20 years in uniformed service with the rank of Colonel. In the Reserves he served at the Pentagon and assisted in the development of the Nike anti-ballistic missile system. He also served as a liaison to West Point for seven Tennessee counties.

After law school, he served as an attorney in Knox and Bradley Counties. He was elected as General Sessions Court Judge in 1981, and served in this capacity for 24 years, retiring in 2006. Andy passed away on 27 November 2014, from multiple sclerosis.

Footnote from Andy – “A lawyer friend once told me that I would have no opposition for another term (as a Judge) because no one was brave enough to face a campaign against Nancy and my sisters.” (Geraldine, Marueen, Billie Lou, Bernice, Laverne, Laura, Katherine, Brenda)