



William Richard Williamson Co A-1

We Willie's experience at Penn State prepared him both in the field of week-day academics and weekend socializing. With a willingness to coach anyone in academic difficulty and a large capacity for administrative details, he still had time left for a myriad of trips. The little extra time left over was spent praying for snow. Willie's success in the future is virtually assured.

Born – 28 Aug. 1938, in Williamsport, PA.

To USMA – from Williamsport, PA. Appointed as a Son of a Disabled or Deceased Veteran (SDV).
Nickname “Willie.”

Died – 9 Nov. 2023 (age 85) at Richmond, VA.
Buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Military Awards – Silver Star Medal, 5 Bronze Stars Medals (two with V), Purple Heart, 2 Air Medals, Combat Infantryman Badge CIB, 2 Meritorious Service Medals, 2 Legion of Merit Medals, Defense Superior Service Medal.

Schooling – Master of Science MS Degree in Geography, University of Illinois, Command & General Staff College CGSC, Army War College (AWC).

Family – 1st Wife – Barbara (Bobbie Carpenter) Williamson (48 years deceased) - 5 children (Deborah, Sandra, Laura, Scott, Tim) – 2nd Wife – Kaye Williamson (14 years) - 2 stepchildren (Michael and Kevin) - 14 grandchildren.

Contact – Kaye Williamson, Address 3009 Tanglewood Cove, Williamsburg, VA 23185, Phone unknown, Email unknown.

Bill served on active duty in the Army (Infantry) for 26 years, retiring in 1987, with the rank of Colonel. His first assignment was with the 2nd Airborne Battle Group, 504th Airborne Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC (Infantry and Recon Platoon Leader and Commander of Headquarters Company). He then served in Iran (Aide-de-Camp, Commanding General, Army Section, Military Assistance Advisory Group MAAG), Fort Benning, GA (Student, Infantry Advanced Course, TIS), Vietnam (1st tour – Battalion S-4 and Commanding Officer of A Company, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, RVN including major battles Ap Gu and LZ X Ray), Urbana-Champaign, IL (Student, University of Illinois), West Point, NY (Instructor, USMA ES&GS Department, Earth Space & Graphic Sciences), Vietnam & Thailand (2nd tour - MACV & 7th Air Force), Fort Leavenworth, KS (Student, Command & General Staff College CGSC), Fort Lewis, WA (Executive Officer, Battalion and Brigade, 9th Infantry Division), Fort Lewis, WA (Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 60th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division), Pentagon, VA (War Plans Division, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Department of the Army ODCSO DA), Carlisle, PA (Student and Staff & Faculty, Army War College AWC), Fort Myer, VA (Commanding Officer, 3rd Infantry Regiment (the Old Guard).

After leaving active duty in the Army, Bill had a successful career in transportation management. He served as the Operations Manager of the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority (CCRTA), headquartered in Hyannis, MA and then Regional Vice President of First Transit. Bill passed away on 9 November 2023, resulting from a fall at his home.

Footnote from Bill – “We take great pride in West Point, our successful lives, and the successes of our children and grandchildren.”