

Byron Smith Baldwin Co A-2

Baldy in a man of great potential – but a lot of it got lost somewhere between trips and the "brown boy." His struggle with the Tactical Department was stalemated for two years – but with "cow" year came many long hours on the area. He will long be remembered for his ill-conceded talents and friendliness.

Born – 1 May 1939 in Kentucky.

To USMA – from Long Beach, CA. Appointed from California. Nickname "Baldy".

Died – 16 Oct. 2025 (at age 86)at Lincolnton, GA. Burial to be determined.

Military Awards – Bronze Star Medal, 7 Meritorious Service Medals, Defense Meritorious Service Medal.

Schooling – Master in Business Administration MBA Degree, New York Institute of Technology.

Family - Wife – Helen Baldwin – 5 children (Kimberley, Byron Jr., Susan – husband USMA '92, David, Patricia) – 13 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren.

Contact – Helen Baldwin, Address 2625 Chamberlin Ferry Road, Lincolnton, GA 30817, Phone unknown, Email unknown.

Byron served on active duty in the Army (Signal Corps) for 30 years, retiring in 1991, with the rank of Colonel.

His first assignment was with the 127th Signal Battalion in Korea. He then served in Thailand (Commanding Officer, 122nd Signal Company & Officer in Charge, 999th Signal Detachment), Fort Rucker, AL (Student, Army Aviation School, AvnS), Taiwan (Joint Military Assistance Group Command JtMAAG Communication Center), Fort Monmouth, NJ (Student, The Signal School TSS Advance Course), Vietnam (Company Commander & S2, 69th Signal Battalion RVN), Fort Monmouth (Staff & Faculty, The Signal School TSS), Fort Leavenworth, KS (Combat Development Command CDC, TRADOC), Fort Leavenworth, KS (Student, Command & General Staff College CGSC), Fort Monmouth, NJ (Communication Systems Agency CSA), New York, NY (Student, New York Institute of Technology), Taiwan (Deputy Commander DCdr, Army Communications Command ACC), Carlysle, PA (Student, Army War College AWC), Fort Monmouth, NJ (Team Chief, Communications Systems Command CSA, Information Systems Management ISMA), Fort Monmouth & Korea (Team Chief, CSA/ISMA), Fort Monmouth, NJ (Project Manager, ISMA and Joint Technical Command JTC3A, CSA).

After leaving active duty in the Army and a major fire at their house in New Jersey, Byron and Helen bought a 200-acre farm in Lincolnton, GA, east of Atlanta and settled into a full-time career of farming and support of local organizations. Byron passed away on 16 October 2025.

Footnote from Byron - "My greatest joys at West Point were Chapel Choir and Glee Club.....God has blessed us more abundantly than we could ever have dreamed, and we praise him for the grace".