



Richard Owen Cullum Co B-1

Dick came to us from Oklahoma with a tremendous desire to do his best. This is characterized by his aggressiveness in athletics, firmness in duty, and an engaging personality. He is an enthusiastic military reader; and we cannot help but feel that, with his background and his many other attributes, he will go far in his chosen profession.

Born – 17 Aug 1939, Dallas, TX. Army Brat.
To USMA – Came from Miami, OK. Appointed by Oklahoma 2nd.

Died – 15 Feb 1994 (age 69) at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD. Buried at Calvary Mausoleum, St. Petersburg, FL.

Military Awards – Bronze Star Medal, 2 Commendation Medals, Legion of Merit, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Schooling – Master's Degree in American Studies, Vanderbilt University, Command and General Staff College, Naval War College, Master's Degree, Salve Regina University, Ph.D Degree in Public Policy (awarded posthumously), Virginia Technical University.

Family - Wife – Jill Akins Cullum (29 years) – 2 sons (Matthew and Chad) – grandchildren.

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Dick served on active duty in the Army (Artillery) for 25 years, retiring in 1986, with the rank of Colonel. His first assignment was with the 7th Special Forces Group. He then served in Okinawa and Vietnam (first Vietnam tour - 1st Special Forces Group and 173rd Airborne Brigade), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (American University), Nashville, TN (Vanderbilt University), West Point, NY (Instructor, Foreign Languages Department), Newport, RI (Naval War College), Korea (Chief, Military Assistance Advisory Group), Vietnam (second tour), Carlisle, PA (Command and General Staff College), Ft. Benning, GA (197th Brigade), Hawaii (Headquarters, Western Command), Pentagon (Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff).

After his retirement from the Army, Dick worked as a Project Manager for the SRA International. While at SRA, he began course work at the Virginia Technical University in the Center for Public Administration and Policy. Dick passed away on 15 February 1994, from multiple myeloma believed to be caused by exposure to Agent Orange in Vietnam.