



**Donald William Sawtelle, Jr Co B-1**

*Don is the man who entered the Academy tired and has spent his four years trying to catch up on his rest. Besides resting, keeping an eye out for the ladies, and playing squash, Don has contributed his best efforts to a running battle with the Academic Departments. With his easy going approach and friendly attitude, Don will make a fine officer.*

**Born** – 7 July 1937 in Kansas. Father (USMA '18) and a veteran of WWI and WWII.

**To USMA** – from Corpus Christi, TX. Appointed from Texas.

**Died** – 14 April 2021 (age 83) at Braselton, GA, northeast of Atlanta. Burial to be determined.

**Military Awards** – 4 Bronze Star Medals (two with V), 3 Air Medals, 4 Army Commendation Medals (one with V).

**Schooling** – Master of Arts Degree in International Relations, MAIR, Purdue University.

**Family** - Wife – Jo Sawtelle – 2 children (Stacy and Donald III) – 6 grandchildren.

**Contact** – Jo Sawtelle, Address 6062 Allee Way, Braselton, GA 30517, Phone unknown, Email unknown.

Don served on active duty in the Army (Infantry) for 20 years, retiring in 1981, with the rank of Lt. Colonel. His first assignment was with the 1/3 Infantry in Korea. He then served at Fort Myer, VA (1/3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry and Headquarters, Military District of Washington, HqMDW), Fort Benning, GA (Infantry Advanced Course, The Infantry School, TIS), Vietnam (1<sup>st</sup> Division, RVN), Lafayette, IN (Purdue University), West Point, NY (Tactical Officer), Pentagon, VA (Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Planning, Department of the Army, ODCSP DA), Korea (8<sup>th</sup> Army), Fort Myer, VA (Headquarters, Military District of Washington, HqMDW), Fort Benning, GA (Commanding Officer Student Battalion, CO StuBn, The Infantry School, TIS), Fort Knox, KY (Inspector General, IG, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, USAREC).

After leaving active duty in the Army, Don had a successful career in business and human resources management. He worked for Swift Textiles (Personnel Director), Total Quality Management, TQM (Executive Director), Marketing Services (Senior Vice President), Swift Denim (Senior Vice President, Human Resources) and Perimeter Church (Director of Human Resources). Don passed away on 14 April 2021, after a long illness.

Footnote from Don in the 50 Year yearbook – “I was diverted to Washington to head up a division of the Inauguration for Jimmy Carter.....Serving as Commander of the “Death Watch” at the funeral for JFK.....and planning the state funerals for several Presidents was another first. One travels many roads in the Army, each creating memories that last forever.”