



Bruce Py Nichols Co E-1

Advancing from the friendly “brown boy” against the Academic Department, Bruce was often forced into a last ditch defense; but his ever present drive and determination have finally resulted in the capitulation of Thayer Hall. Aided by the “Nichols System for rating drags,” advanced on another field where he willingly lost the battle.

Born – 29 Oct. 1937 at Lorain, Ohio. Brother Sterling Nichols USMA '55.

To USMA – from Lorain, OH. Appointed by from the National Guard. Nickname “Nick.”

Died – 13 July 2023 (age 85) at Savannah, GA. Burial to be determined.

Military Awards – Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal.

Schooling – Master of Arts MA Degree in Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling, University of Michigan.

Family – 1st Wife Mary Lynn (Henderson) Nichols (34 years) – 2 children (Stacy and Julie deceased), 2 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild –
2nd Wife – Judy (Martin Macolly) Nichols (24 years), 2 step children (Lisa and Mark), 1 step great grandchild.

Contact – Judy Nichols, Address 7513 La Roche Avenue, Savannah, GA 31406, Phone unknown, Email unknown.

Bruce served on active duty in the Army (Infantry and then Military Police) for 20 years (plus prior time in the National Guard), retiring in 1981, with the rank of Lt. Colonel. His first assignment was with the 4/201th Infantry in the Panama Canal Zone. He served in Vietnam (Headquarters, 716 Military Police Battalion, RVN), Ann Arbor, MI (Student, University of Michigan), Fort Lee, VA (Readiness Region 3 RR3), Fort Leavenworth KS (Student, Command and General Staff College, CGSC), Germany (Headquarters, 5th Signal Command).

After leaving active duty in the Army, Bruce had a successful career in business. He worked for C&S Bank and Bank of America (Director of Counterintelligence Security), Stern Accounting and Gamble Funeral Service. Bruce passed away on 13 July 2023.

Footnote from Bruce – “With no advanced information from my two West Point relatives (brother and cousin’s husband), I was to say the least, stunned upon entering the Sally Port on that hot July day in 1957.”