



Edward Francis Bruner Co F-2

Ed has always been considered as one of F-2's intelligentsia, and his discerning judgement with respect to the finer things in life is well known. It has been a pleasure to know and work with this quiet, friendly Iowan. We'll wager that his future will be both interesting and rewarding.

Born – 2 Sept. 1938 in Omaha, Nebraska.

To USMA – from Crescent, IA. Appointed from Iowa.

Died – 3 Sept. 2023 (age 85) at Bethesda, MD. Buried at Parklawn Memorial Park, Rockville, MD.

Military Awards – Bronze Star Medal, 2 Army Commendation Medals, Combat Infantryman Badge (CIB), 2 Meritorious Service Medals, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, 2 Legion of Merit Medals.

Schooling – Masters Degree & PhD Degree, Syracuse University.

Family – 1st Wife – Eleanor (Putnam) Bruner – 2 children (Scott USMA '86 and David USMA '88) – 2 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren - 2nd Wife – Elease (Greenhalgh) Bruner (28 years) - one step-child (Justin), one grand step-grandchild.

Contact – Elease Bruner, Address 12101 Little Creek Drive, Potomac, MD 20854, Phone unknown, Email unknown.

Ed served on active duty in the Army (Armor) for 27 years, retiring in 1988, with the rank of Colonel. His first assignment was with the 9th Cavalry in Korea. He served in the 4th Cavalry and then, Indiantown Gap, PA (Adjutant to the Commanding General, XXIst Corps), Fort Knox, KY (Armor Advanced Course, TARS), Vietnam (District Adviser in the Delta, MACV), Syracuse, NY (Student, Syracuse University), West Point, NY (Instructor, Earth, Space & Geographic Sciences, ES&GS & Tactical Departments, USMA), Fort Leavenworth, KY (Student, Command & General Staff College, CGSC), Germany (S-3 and Executive Officer, 4/64th Armor Battalion), and Staff of the Headquarters, VII Corps), Fort Knox, KY (Executive Officer, 194th Armor Brigade & Commanding Officer, 5th Battalion, 33rd Armor), Pentagon, VA (Office of the Joint 5, Joint Chiefs of Staff, OJ5 J5, Strategy, Plans & Policy and Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Departments of the Army, ODCSOPS DA), Tampa, FL (Chief of the Plans Division, Central Command, CENTCOM).

After leaving active duty in the Army, Ed had a successful career in education and research. He worked as a Geography Professor with the Adjunct Faculty staffs of George Mason and George Washington Universities. He then worked as a Specialist in National Defense with the Library of Congress Congressional Research Service and was the Deputy and Acting Director of the Foreign Affairs, Defense and Trade Division.

Footnote from Ed – “My military career started on the DMZ in Korea where there was some concern for my future when a Private from my Platoon defected to the North. Fortunately, personnel assignments and mental health screens were held accountable.”