



James Bruce Raynis Co F-2

Jim entered West Point with a self reliance, common sense, and a sense of responsibility – he leaves unchanged. His sense of humor and his consideration for others have gained him a multitude of friends. His sincerity and perseverance are evident in all his undertakings. Jim’s sense of duty and his high ideals will inevitably win him success.

Born – 8 Oct 1936, New York.

To USMA – Came from West Islip, NY. Appointed by the Regular Army. Nickname – “Red”.

Died – 14 June 1984 (age 47) at Boonton, NJ. Buried at West Point.

Military Awards – Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal.

Schooling – Master’s Degree in Physics, Naval Post Graduate School.

Family - Wife – Marie Gallagher Raynis Sweeney – children? – grandchildren?

Contact – Marie Raynis Sweeney, Address unknown, Phone unknown, Email unknown.

Jim served on active duty in the Army (Artillery and then to Ordnance Corps) for 20 years (of total uniformed service), retiring in 1980, with the rank of Major. His first assignment was with the 56th Artillery. He then served with the Headquarters, 47th Artillery Brigade, Commander, 34th Ordnance Company, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD (The Ordnance School, TOS), Monterey, CA (Naval Post Graduate School), Thailand (first tour - Joint U.S. Military Assistance Group, JUSMAG Thailand), Ft. Monroe, VA (Combat Development Command, CDC Nuclear), Thailand (second tour - JUSMAG), Picatinny Arsenal, NJ (Army Armaments Research and Development Command, ARRADCOM), Ft. Belvoir, VA (Defense Nuclear Agency, DNA).

After retiring from active duty in the Army, Jim became a high school Physics Teacher and Coach. At age 43, his career was interrupted by a massive heart attack while attending a youth football game. Being blocks from the hospital, with an ambulance ready for player injuries, saved his life. He recovered, returned to teaching, coaching, to supporting his students by attending their after school endeavors – all activities he loved. Jim passed away on 14 June 1984, from another heart attack.

Footnote from Jim’s wife, Marie, after his passing – On his dresser, I found a scrap of paper with the following quote – “In life, it is not the duration, but the donation.”