



Franklin Thomas Tilton Co I-1

Frank was always master of the situation, whether grinding out a monograph or getting to reveille in two minutes. An advocate of a well-rested mind, he still found time to earn stars, coach the “goats,” and get his picture on the wall of the gym. A scholar and an athlete Frank is a credit to the Academy.

Born – 4 May 1939 in New Hampshire.

To USMA – from Laconia, NH near Lake Winnepesaukee. Appointed from NH. Nickname – “Wilt.”

Died – 20 October 2023 (age 84) at Laconia, NH. Buried at the New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery, Boscawen, NH.

Military Awards – 5 Bronze Star Medals, 3 Army Commendation Medals, 4 Meritorious Service Medals, Legion of Merit Medal.

Schooling – Master of Science, MS Degree in Operations Research, Stanford University.

Family - Wife – Elizabeth (Liz) Tilton – 5 children (Paul, Melinda USMA 1992, Jay, Michael USMA 2000, Susan & her husband Daniel USMA 1997) – 10 grandchildren.

Contact – Elizabeth Tilton, Address 56 Orchard Street, Laconia, NH 03246, Phone unknown, Email unknown.

Frank served on active duty in the Army (Corps of Engineers) for 28 years, retiring in 1989, with the rank of Colonel. His first assignment was with the Headquarters, 12th Engineer Battalion in Germany. He then served at West Point, NY (Aide-de-Camp AdC, USMA Superintendent), Vietnam (1st tour – 84th Engineer Battalion), Stanford, CA (Student, Stanford University), Vietnam (2nd tour – Headquarters 25th Division & Army Engineer Command ArECmd), Fort Leavenworth, KS (Student, Command & General Staff College, CGSC), West Point, NY (Instructor, Math Department), Pentagon, VA (Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Department of the Army ODCSO DA), CONUS (Commanding Officer, 3rd Combat Engineer Battalion), Vicksburg, MS (PR4), Carlisle, PA (Student, Army War College, AWC), Germany (Headquarters, 21st Support Command SUPCOM), Tulsa, OK (District Engineer DE), Fort Knox, KY (Director of Engineering & Housing DEH)

After leaving active duty in the Army, Frank had a successful career in Finance and Public Service. He served as a Financial Consultant with Merrill Lynch, Liconia NH City Engineer and Director of Public Works DPW, and Elected Representative to the New Hampshire General Court. Frank passed away on 20 October 2023.

Footnote from Frank – “At graduation I thought I would be a 3 year soldier. Surprisingly, the Engineer and leadership challenges proved appealing. For Liz and me, the 5 years in Germany and 5 years at West Point were probably the most enjoyable.”