



William Hutcheson Gavan Co I-2

**Former Classmate
Graduated in the Class of 1962**

Born – 28 July 1938 at Fort Sill, OK.

To USMA – Appointed from the Reserve Component.

Died – 6 Sept. 2021 (age 83) at Greensboro, GA. Buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Military Awards – Silver Star Medal, 4 Bronze Star Medals (two with V), 4 Purple Heart Medals, 3 Legion of Merit Medals, 4 Meritorious Service Medals, Air Medal, 2 Army Commendation Medals, Combat Infantryman Badge.

Schooling – Master's Degree in Education, MEd, North Carolina State University, Command and General Staff College, CGSC, Army War College, AWC.

Family - Wife – Kathryn Rush Gavan – 4 children (Sean, William Jr., Anne, and stepson James) – 7 grandchildren

Contact – Kathryn Gavan, Address 1100 Fuzzys Way, Greensboro, GA, Phone unknown, Email unknown.

Bill served on active duty in the Army (Infantry) for 30 years, retiring in 1992, with the rank of Colonel. He served four tours in Vietnam and later, three tours in Germany. His first assignment was with the 25th Infantry Division (Company Commander) in Hawaii and Vietnam. He then served in Vietnam again (Aide de Camp to Commanding General, Vietnam and then Battalion Adviser), Fort Benning, GA (Infantry Advanced Course, The Infantry School, TIS), Fort Leavenworth, KS (Command and General Staff College, CGSC), Raleigh, NC (Student, North Carolina State University), West Point, NY (Tactical Department, USMA), Germany (Executive Officer, 2nd Brigade, 8th Division and Commanding Officer, 1/13th Infantry), Carlisle, PA (Student, Army War College, AWC), Pentagon, VA (Branch Chief, Office of the Inspector General, OIG, Department of the Army, DA and Chief of Force Modernization Division), Wurtzburg, Germany (Chief of Staff, 3rd Infantry Division), Fort Benning, GA (Commanding Officer, 29th Infantry Regiment), Fort Dix, NJ (Chief of Staff, Garrison Commander, U.S. Army Training Center), Fort Lewis, WA (Assistance Commander, 9th Infantry Division).

After leaving active duty in the Army, Bill had a successful career as the General Manager of the West Virginia Turnpike and Tourism Authority in Charleston, WV. Bill passed away on 6 September 2021.

Footnotes – From Gerry Garwick – “A true friend at West Point in Company I-2 and as an officer. You will always be missed.” From Bruce Potter – “Good man! He was my TAC in D-3, '72-74. A truly caring and charismatic leader.”