



Bruce Brantley Halstead Co K-1

Bruce came to West Point from the highland of Colorado. Neither the TD nor academics were a problem for this happy lad. With plenty of ability and work, he kept himself on top and was always willing to help anybody in need. His humor, personality, and leadership are going to carry him far in the Army.

Born – 20 June 1938 at Denver, CO.

To USMA – from Aurora, CO. Nickname – “Halse”.

Died – 21 Nov. 2020 (age 82) at Frontenac, MN. Buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Military Awards – Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Air Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal.

Schooling – MMAS Degree, Command and General Staff College, CGSC, Master of Science Degree, MS in Operational Research, Naval Post Graduate School, NavPGS, MS Degree, National War College, NWC.

Family - Wife – Joanne Irene Lee Halstead (57 years) – 4 children (John USMA '86, Kathryn, William, Robert) – 13 grandchildren.

Contact – Joanne Halstead, Address 28790 Wood Avenue, Frontenac, MN 55026, Phone unknown, Email unknown.

Bruce served on active duty in the Army (Armor and then Ordnance Corps) for 25 years, retiring in 1986, with the rank of Colonel. His first assignment was with the 8th Cavalry Regiment at Fort Lewis, WA. He then served at Fort Hood, TX (Field Command, Defense Atomic Support Agency, DASA), China (Military Assistance Advisory Group, MAAG), Vietnam (188th Ordnance Company), Monterey, CA (Naval Post Graduate School, NavPGS), Fort Leavenworth, KS (Command and General Staff College, CGSC), Pentagon, VA (Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff Operations, ODCSO DA, Department of the Army), Pentagon, VA (Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, OJ5 JS), Parsons, KS (Commanding Officer, Kansas Army Ammunition Plant, KS ArAmmoPl), Fort McNair, Washington, DC (National War College, NWC), West Point, NY (Instructor, Department of Engineering), Redstone Arsenal, AL (Headquarters Army Materiel Development and Readiness Command, HqDARCOM), Bruchmuhlbach-Miesau, Germany (Commanding Officer, Miesau Army Ammunition Depot, MiesauDep), Kaiserslautern, Germany (Headquarters, 21st Support Command, Hq21SUPCOM). Europe (European Public Law Organization, DOD EPLO Explosive Safety Board (Chairman).

After leaving active duty in the Army, Bruce had a successful management career in defense logistics in the Washington, D.C. region. He served with the SAIC Corporation (Project Manager), CMS Corporation (Group Manager), MPRI Corporation (Logistics Analyst GRCI), UDLP Corporation (Logistics Supportability Manager), Eagle Support Services Corporation (Executive Vice President). He and Joanne then settled in historic Frontenac, MN on the Mississippi River 65 miles southeast of Minneapolis. Bruce passed away on 21 November 2020, from ailments associated with Alzheimer's disease.

Footnote from Bruce – “Our experience and joy of serving our nation were a significant reason for so many of my family choosing to follow my career choice.....Our son, my brother, his son, and my grandson have followed my lead (graduating from West Point) and proudly continue to serve.”