



**Irwin S. Olshansky Co K-1**

**Former Classmate**

**Born** – 7 Feb 1938, Rhode Island.

**To USMA** – Came from Rhode Island. Appointed by Rhode Island 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Died** – 25 Apr 2014 (age 76) at Hollywood, FL. Cremated remains will be scattered over the Hudson River near West Point.

**Military Awards** – National Defense Service Medal.

**Schooling** – Bachelor’s Degree, University of Miami.

**Family** - Wife – Myra Olshansky – son (Victor) – 2 grandchildren.

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Shane served on active duty in the Army (Infantry) for 3 plus years, resigning in 1964, with the rank of 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant. Shane’s Dad died suddenly on 1 March of Plebe year. The aftershock may have had some influence on his loss of academic focus. Cow year “Juice and Solids” took him down. Other distractions included - A-Squad Soccer Assistant Manager, Jewish Choir, Pointer Magazine, Fencing Club, dragging, etc. He reset his goals and enrolled as a history major and joined Army ROTC at the University of Miami, FL. He was designated a Distinguished Military Student, tapped for Scabbard and Blade Military Honor Society, and selected to command Miami’s 500 man Army ROTC Battle Group.

He was commissioned into the infantry a month after the class of ’61 graduated from West Point. He completed Airborne / Ranger in the same class as his old roommates (Gary Lord and Mac Compton) and the other “hivey” Engineer Lieutenants. His first assignment was in Germany with the 36 Infantry, 3<sup>rd</sup> Armor Division (Platoon Leader and then command of the Davy Crockett Section).

As a civilian, Madison Avenue was not ready for him, so he wound up on Walnut Street in Philadelphia, PA. His advertising / public relations career progressed from agency to corporate communications manager to producing motion pictures and multi-media for industry. He eventually formed his own company – The Shane Communications Group. He produced films for a myriad of clients and won multiple peer film festival awards. Shane passed away on 25 April 2014, from natural causes.

Footnote – Shane was very proud of his son, Victor Shane Olshansky, who graduated from West Point with the Class of 1997. While on active duty in the Army, he was an Infantry Officer and served in Korea in 2001 and in the Iraq War in 2004 and 2005.