



George Larry Shamblee Co B-2

A real runt and a product of the deep South, George never quite got used to the Yankee winters during his stay on the Hudson. Although the Academic Department really tried to haze him, he never let them (or anything else) get him very worried. His easy-going manner will be a great benefit to him in the years to come.

Born – 19 Dec. 1937, in Anniston, Alabama.

To USMA – from Anniston, AL. Nickname at West Point – “Norg”. Nickname in Air Force – “Wild Weasel”.

Died – 8 March 2024 (age 86) at St. Augustine, FL. Buried at West Point.

Military Awards – Silver Star Medal, Purple Heart, 7 Air Medals.

Schooling – Air War College, AWC.

Family – Former Wife – Priscilla Shamblee - 2 children - (Christopher and Kimberly) – 2 grandchildren.

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George served on active duty in the Air Force for 20 years, retiring in 1981, with the rank of Lt. Colonel. His first assignment was at an Air Force flight school. He then served in Thailand and Vietnam (388th Tactical Fighter Wing, TFW and where he was wounded in combat), Cam Ranh Bay AFB, Vietnam (Patient, Pat Hospital), Philippines (3rd Law Enforcement Squadron), Hickam AFB HI (Headquarters, Pacific Air Command, PAC), Eglin AFB, FL (Student, Air War College, AWC).

After leaving active duty in the Air Force, George had a successful career defense contracting. He worked as an engineer for Loral, Lockheed and BAE Systems and contributed to the development of the F-16 fighter. George passed away on 8 March 2024.

Footnote on George – He served as an EWO (Electronic Warfare Officer), NOW, and NAV (Navigator), flying F6s, F105s, and F15s. On October 7, 1967, on his 59th mission during the Vietnam War, his F-105 was struck by an air-to-air missile while supporting a wing strike. Despite sustaining career-ending injuries, he eventually recovered and regained full flying status and completed a record 100 missions.