



William Michael Younkin Co F-2

“The greater, the more active, the wider an intelligence, the less it can linger over commonplace and trivial details.” (General Marmont, speaking of Napoleon) This applies to Mike, as evidenced by his being a big winner of awards from the Tactical Department. He is also an athlete, scholar, bon vivant, and above all, a good man to have as a friend.

Born – 23 Apr 1939, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Army Brat. Brother Derek Younkin (USMA’67).
To USMA – Came from Los Altos, CA. Appointed by the Vice President.

Died – 19 Sep 1995 (age 56) at Hawaii. Buried at West Point.

Military Awards – National Defense Service Medal.

Schooling – Unknown.

Family – Unknown.

Contact – Unknown.

Mike served on active duty in the Army (Armor) for 3 years, resigning in 1964, with the rank of 1st Lieutenant. His first assignment was with the 69th Armor. He then served in the 4th Cavalry in Hawaii.

After leaving active duty in the Army, Mike worked as a Stockbroker, the Founder and President, Gnome Investments creating stock selection programs in Fortran for the IBM 360 mainframe computer, Program Analyst for Control Data Corporation at NASA Ames Center at Moffet, CA, Project Lead for an Army Intelligence Project, Senior Management Analyst for Data House, and Senior Systems Analyst and Pearl Harbor Site Lead for Robbins-Gioia, Inc. providing computer support for the Pacific Submarine Fleet, PACSUBFLEET. Mike passed away on 19 September 1995, from lung cancer.

Footnote from Mike’s brother, Derek – Mike’s war with cancer was like a Ranger course that lasted nearly four years. Beyond each hill was another hill. And another. And the weather was more inclement with each new phase. He never gave up hope. Near the end he worked on cancer research efforts with NIH. In the weeks nearing his death, I was in awe of my brother’s calm and noble bearing. His remorse was a simple, “I thought I had more time.” We could all learn from that.