



Russell Martin Cornelius Co H-1

This proud southerner who came to West Point with stars on his horizon, soon wore them on his collar. Nobody knew how he got his nickname. No one ever questioned "Shifty's" prowess in the classroom or on the debate floor. He possessed the remarkable ability to excel in anything he attempted. Yet, he was always just "one of the boys."

Born – 16 June 1939, New Orleans, LA. Russell was the classmate of Roger Cornelius (Co. C-1).

To USMA – Came from New Orleans, LA. Appointed by Louisiana 6th. Nickname – "Shifty".

Died – 12 Mar 2014 (age 74) at Convent, LA. Buried at Lake Lawn Park Cemetery, New Orleans, LA.

Military Awards – National Defense Service Medal.

Schooling – MBA Degree, Tulane University, Law Degree, Loyola University Law School.

Family - Wife – Carolyn Faller Cornelius (52 years) – 3 children (Allison, Russell and Cecily) – 4 grandchildren.

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Russell on active duty in the Army (Artillery) for 3 plus years, resigning in 1964, with the rank of 1st. Lieutenant. His first assignment was with the 27th Artillery (Battalion R&S Officer and Battery Executive Officer) in Germany and then the 40th Artillery (Battery Commander) in Germany.

After leaving active duty in the Army, Russell attended the Tulane University Business School. During this time, he began service in the Louisiana National Guard's Washington Artillery at Jackson Barracks and commanded a firing battery. He resigned his Army National Guard commission with the rank of Captain, after the artillery battalion was disbanded in 1968. Russell worked for Humble Oil & Refining Company (later acquired by Exxon) as a Refinery Engineer in Baton Rouge and later as a Senior Supply Analyst in Houston. Leaving Humble in 1971, he attended the Loyola University Law School. After graduation, he co-founded the New Orleans law firm of Cornelius, Sartin & Murphy. Along with his law partners and associates, Russell practiced insurance defense law for several major insurance companies. He was admitted to practice in all State and Federal courts in Louisiana, and in the U.S. Supreme Court. He retired from the law practice in 2008. Russell passed away on 12 March 2014, from a stroke.