



Richard Hilmer Fanning Co I-1

Dick could usually be found wrestling with the brown-boy or plotting the overflow of the T.D. During the four years here Dick managed to excel in athletics, keep one step ahead of the Academic Departments, build a fine Hi-Fi set, and drag pro. His quick wit and ready sense of humor will stand him in good stead in any future endeavor.

Born – 20 November 1939 in New Haven, Connecticut.

To USMA – from Wallington, CT.

Died – 14 Aug. 2024 (age 84) at Minneapolis, MN. Burial to be determines.

Military Awards – Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal.

Schooling – Master of Business Administration MBA Degree, State University of New York (SUNY) at Buffalo, NY.

Family - Wife – Amelia “Millie” Dunn Fanning (62 years, deceased 2 months earlier) – 8 children (Kathy, Gail, Rick, Andrew (Woody), David, Karen, and 2 deceased children – Mathew & James) – 8 grandchildren.

Contact – Kapala-Glodek-Malone Funeral Home, New Hope, MN.

Dick served on active duty in the Army (Armor) for 9 years, resigned in 1970, with the rank of Major. His first assignment was with the 64th Armored Regiment at Kitzingen Germany. He then served in the U.S. and Vietnam (Tank Unit Commander, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment ACR and then Headquarters, 25th Division), Fort Knox, KY (The Armor School TARS Advanced Course), CONUS (Staff & Faculty, Technical Training School TTS).

After leaving active duty in the Army, Dick had a successful career in food production at General Mills. He obtained an MBA Degree from State University of New York (SUNY) at Buffalo, NY. He then worked for General Mills, Inc. (Production Engineer and Manager) for over 30 years. He and Millie and family eventually settled in New Hope, MN, 10 miles northwest of Minneapolis. While at General Mills, Dick was awarded a patent for inventing a process to help lower cholesterol during the cereal making process. Dick passed away on 14 August 2024.

Footnote about Dick in the Minnesota Star Tribune newspaper - “Dick will be remembered for his pursuit of excellence, dedication to his country and family, his many artistic and musical gifts and his sense of humor.”.