

Dopher, Robert Conrad Jr. (Bob), 2nd Platoon

16 August 1942 - 30 August 2010

Highland Lawn Cemetery, IN



Robert Dopher passed away on 30 August 2010, at the age of 68 from Pulmonary Fibrosis.

Retired Marine Major Robert C. Dopher, Jr. was born on 16 August 1942 in Terre Haute, IN, and graduated from Otter Creek High School. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. During his career he was sent to Stanford University through Operation Bootstrap, officer candidate school, helicopter pilot training and missile design and technology school. As an OV 10, Huey and Cobra pilot he saw action around the world. He was involved in the evacuation of Vietnam as the last pilot of a cobra helicopter out of the country. Over the course of his career, Bob earned Air Medal Strike/Flight Award (with numeral 7), Vietnamese Service Medal, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Air Medal Bronze with V, Navy Unit Commendation, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Humanitarian Service Medal 3rd award and the Good Conduct Medal 3rd Award. After serving in the military for 20 years, he went on to earn his Master's degree in Computer Science at the University of Missouri-Rolla and later, after 20 years, retired from the Electrical Engineering Department there. One of his greatest joys was traveling the country with his wife in their motor home to see the wonderful sites across the United States. He passed away on 30 August 2010, at the age of 68 from Pulmonary Fibrosis.

Robert Dopher and Karen Warm were married at Camp Pendleton on Sunday 14 Feb 1971. There were TBS Alpha Company Marines who attended and formed the honor guard for the arch of swords ceremony. They had 4 children: Cristopher, Rachel, Rebecca and Marc. While stationed at Camp Pendleton, Karen owned and operated two children's clothing stores in Vista and San Marcos. The Dopher family is active in the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, the Cystic

Fibrosis Foundation rallying for the cure for these two diseases as well as the Donate Life Organization.

USMC Resume:

TBS Class 1-68 Alpha Company, 2nd Platoon June-Nov 1967

Flight School, Pensacola FL: Helicopter Pipeline.

USAADS Ft Bliss TX: Guided Missile Systems Crs, Jan – Aug 1971

Balboa Naval Hospital, SD undergoing treatment for cancer: Mar-Nov 1972

Camp Pendleton (71-74: / Okinawa (74-75): HMA-169 and HML-267

Retired from the USMC: May 1980

Personal Reflections about Robert Dopher: