

Ganter, William James (Bill), 2nd Platoon

13 January 1946 - 3 August 2007

Richmond, KY

Lt. Col. William James Ganter, Jr. (Ret.) was born January 13, 1946, in Oil City, PA, to Agnes Fiala Ganter Harvey and the William James Ganter. He had once sister, Barbara, and three brothers, Michael, Harry and Jeffrey. Bill married Sandra Kehler and they had a daughter, Rachel Elaine. He earned his MBA from Rutgers University. He was a regional sales manager for ROI RAM Optical Instrumentation, a U. S. Marine veteran and Purple Heart recipient of Vietnam and Desert Storm and a retired Colonel of the U. S. Army. He was a member of the BPOE Lodge # 776 of Washington, PA, the VFW Post # 2071 of Pennsylvania, the American Legion Post # 0179 of New Jersey. In addition he was a volunteer fireman. Bill passed away on August 3, 2007 at the age of 61.

Bill Ganter was Medevac'd to a Japan hospital with a through knee wound. That is where Bill met Sandra, a USAF nurse who outranked him. After rehab he went back in country.

Bill got out of the MC, went to graduate school at Rutgers (MBA), and joined the Nat'l Guard/Army Reserve. Recalled to active duty Desert Storm, he retired from the Army in 1990.

USMC Resume:

The Basic School Class 1-68 Alpha Company, 2nd Platoon, Jun-Nov 1967

Personal Reflections about Bill Ganter: