

## **Chambers, Owen Stirling Sr (Owen), 1st Platoon**

4 July 1941 - 19 June 1982

Interred Parklawn Cemetery in Rockville, MD

Owen Chambers passed away on 19 June 1982, at the age of 41, of medical complications in Beaufort SC. He is interred Parklawn Cemetery in Rockville, MD

Owen Stirling Chambers was born on 4 July 1941 in Pensacola, FL to Owen Archibald Chambers and Dorothy Hand. Owen's father, a 40 year career retired USMC Colonel, was in Flight School at the time of birth. Owen has one younger brother, William Elliot Chambers II (USAF Intelligence field). As a USMC "brat", he moved many times with his family. Among the places were Hawaii; Cherry Point, NC; Pendleton, Newport, RI for a Naval War College stint; and Naples where his father was assigned to NATO for three years. Owen went to several elementary and junior highs, and two high schools: Fallbrook High outside Camp Pendleton in 1958 where he played basketball and was on the Swim team & Rifle Team, and Forrest Sherman High School in Naples. In Naples, he ran track, played on the varsity basketball team, and played flag football (no tackle available). He attended the University of Maryland in Munich, Germany. After UM, he attended Bullis Prep in the DC area where he was on the swim team.

Owen attended the Virginia Military Institute (VMI) in Lexington, VA earning a BS in Electrical Engineering in 1965. While at VMI, Owen took part in many activities: track, intramural swimming, football, volleyball, IEEE, Vice Chairman, yearbook committee, hop & floor committee, electrician, armed forces club, Presidential Honor Guard. During the summers, he attended both the Jr and Sr Platoon Leader Classes at Quantico, VA. Following graduation, he accepted a regular commission as a second lieutenant in the USMC on 9 June 1965. With delayed entry to active duty, Owen continued his education as a graduate student at Clemson University in Clemson, SC earning a MSEE in June 1967. Owen Chambers and Jean Sanders married in June 1966 – a TBS wife. They had two children, daughter Jeanette Alayne in 1970 and son Owen S. Chambers Jr in 1975.

Owen reported to USMC Officers Basic School (TBS) June 1967. [Following TBS and prior to Vietnam, Owen attended the](#) Basic Communication Officers course at Quantico (classmates were Nunziato and Ames). He served in Dong Ha, Republic of Vietnam, from 5 May 1968 to 6 June 1969 where he managed and deployed electric sensor/surveillance equipment for the "McNamara's Wall" along the DMZ. Owen was released from active duty at Camp Pendleton on 13 June 1970. He joined a USMC Reserve unit in Fredericksburg, VA, attaining the rank of Major.

As a civilian, he worked for the Federal Power Commission for one year, and was an Electrical Engineer at MERADCOM (Countermines/Counter Intrusion Department) from 1971-1974. He worked at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission as a Reactor Security Specialist with the Office of Inspection and Enforcement from 1974-1982. His personal hobbies and interests included psychology, golf, running, and music. He supported the USMC marathon, working on the wiring systems for the Air Control Squadron 23 Communications Electronics Office in Quantico, VA. Owen Chambers passed away on 19 June 1982, at the age of 41 in Beaufort, SC of medical complications. He is Interred Parklawn Cemetery in Rockville, MD

### **USMC Resume:**

PEBD: 29 Jun 1961

PLC Jr and Sr:

Regular Commission 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt: 09 Jun 1965

TBS Class 1-68 Alpha company, 1<sup>st</sup> Platoon June – Nov 1967

Data Processing Installation, MCDEC Quantico VA: Nov 67 – Feb 68

Basic Communication Officers course, MCDEC Quantico VA: Feb68 – Apr 1968

Vietnam: 5 May 1968 – 6 Jun 1969

Dong Ha, Republic of Vietnam; Managed and deployed electric sensor/surveillance equipment for the "McNamara's Wall" along the DMZ.

Post-Vietnam: MCB Camp Pendleton H&S Co, H&S Bn 5th ASR, (-) FMF June 1969 - 13 June 1970

Released from active duty: Camp Pendleton 13 June 1970

USMCR unit: Fredericks, VA

**Personal Reflections about Owen Chambers:**