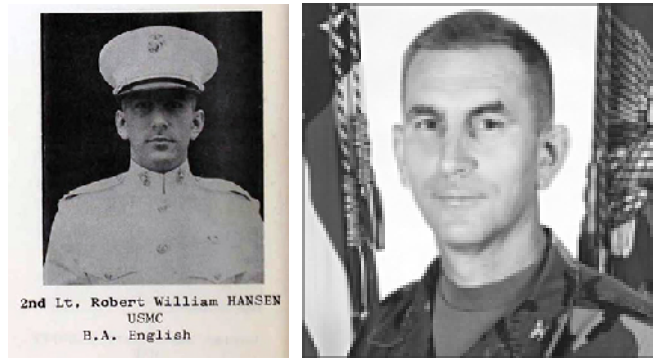


Hansen, Robert William (Bob), 3rd Platoon

26 January 1944 - 4 January 2009

Arlington Nat'l Cemetery, VA



Bob Hansen passed away 4 Jan 2009 at his home of a sudden heart attack.

ROBERT W. HANSEN COLONEL, USMC (Ret.) Robert W. Hansen, husband of Nancy (Eastham) Hansen; father of sons, Robert "Swede" Hansen and Alan "Alwood" Hansen, father-in-law of Kris (Barry) Hansen and Ashley (Garman) Hansen, died at home on January 4, 2009 of a sudden heart attack. Bob was a consummate family man who loved his wife, his sons, his daughters-in-law, his grandchildren, and his friends with unrelenting passion and care. Bob's huge smile would light up the room when he was with friends and family, and nothing made him happier than spending time with and hugging his four grandchildren: Madeline, Evan, Julia, and Travis. Bob had a tender heart and inspired those around him with his encouraging words and gratitude to God for all good things. While friends and family of Bob mourn his passing, his death is anything but sad for the trout of Northern Maryland and pesky squirrels impertinent enough to attempt to pilfer Nancy's bird seed. Bob was born in Northville, Michigan in 1944. He earned his BA degree from the University of New Mexico in 1967 and his MBA from Syracuse University in 1975. He retired as a Colonel from the U.S. Marine Corps in 1996. He served in the Marine Corps for 30 years and proudly represented his country in the Vietnam War in '68 and the Gulf War in '91. His numerous awards include: the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with combat 'V'; Defense Meritorious Service Medal and Combat Action Ribbon. His military career took him to the exotic locales of Quantico, VA; Hawaii; Okinawa; Syracuse, NY; Albany, GA; Camp Lejeune, NC; Bowie, MD; and Camp Pendleton, CA. After retiring from the Marine Corps, he worked for SAIC in the Washington, DC area and New Orleans, which he learned to love. At every stop along the way, he met incredible people and developed lifelong friendships. In his spare time Bob enjoyed riding his Harley, fishing with his kids and grandkids, watching sports, tracking the stock market, working on house projects when he got a "round tuit," and spending quality time with family. You always knew he was nearby when you heard his characteristic exclamations: "Yeah-Buddy!", "Good-on-ya!", "Life is Good!", "Oorah!", and "Semper Fi!" Inurnment will take place at Arlington National Cemetery on Tuesday, February 10, 2009

USMC Resume:

The Basic School Class 1-68 Alpha Company, 3rd Platoon, Jun-Nov 1967

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Personal Reflections about Bob Hansen: