



Col. William P. Schmidt

March 20, 1948 - February 7, 2009

COL. William P. Schmidt (retired), age 60, of Crown Point, formerly of Hanover Park, IL, passed away on Saturday February 7, 2009. He was born on March 20, 1948 in Gary, IN to the late Alvin L. and Bonnie Schmidt. He was the loving husband of Susan (nee Waugh); father of Patrick, William, and Paul; he is also survived by brothers, Alvin W. (Kathryn) Schmidt of Crown Point, Thomas R. Schmidt of South Bend, Jeffrey L. (Susan) Schmidt of Hobart, sister, Cheryl L. (Gerald) Walsh of Crown Point and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bill graduated from Merrillville High School in 1966 where he starred in Football, Basketball, and Baseball; he is a member of the Merrillville Athletics Hall of Fame. He graduated from the United States Military Academy (West Point) in 1970 and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army. Bill served on active duty for seven years and completed assignments in California, Florida, Texas, Greece and Viet Nam. He then served an additional 16 years in the United States Army Reserve and eventually retired at the rank of Colonel. For 18 years, Bill lived in Hanover Park, Illinois and worked in the field of information technology and computer sales before finally returning home to Northwest Indiana in 1994. In retirement, Bill was an avid golfer and an active member of Youche Country Club.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, February 13, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. Friends may visit

with the family at Burns Funeral Home on Thursday from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Bill will be buried at West Point, New York on Tuesday, February 17, 2009. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Freedom is Not Free General Fund (<http://www.freedomisnotfree.com>).

Tribute Wall



“ *With deepest sympathy to Bill's family. He occupies a special place in the hearts of all his friends.* **Barbara Gustafson**”

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