

MAJ. Wootten A. York, Ret.

US Army
Washington, GA

MAJ. Wootten Anderson York, US Army Retired, age 67 of Pecan Grove Rd, died Saturday, 22 October 2011 in Wilkes County, GA.

A memorial service was held at Beggs Funeral Home on Friday, 28 October 2011 at 1300 hours (1:00 p.m.) with Rev. David Inglett officiating. A reception for family and friends followed the service in the Social Room at First Assembly of God, 328 May Avenue, Lincolnton, GA.

Maj. York, son of the late William J. and Doris Bunch York, was a native of Wilkes County and a 1962 graduate of Lincolnton High School. He graduated from North Georgia College in 1966 with a degree in Physical Education. Immediately upon graduation, he was commissioned into the U. S. Army. Maj. York served as an explosives demolition officer in both Korea and Vietnam and additionally served in the reserves from 1980 to 1986.

In addition to his progressive promotions to the rank of Major, he was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Bronze Star and the RVN Gallantry Cross.

Survivors include his wife, Joy C. York, son, Andrew W. York, Atlanta, daughter, Rebecca S. Magner (Dustin), Tampa, FL, grandson, James Patrick Magner, Tampa, brother, William J. York, Jr. (Betty), Lincolnton, niece, Brooks York Smith and William Jesse York, III and his four dogs, YoYo, GiGi, Molly and Mo. Please visit www.beggsfuneralhome.net to sign the guestbook.

Beggs Funeral Home, 200 May Avenue, Lincolnton, GA 30817, Phone 706-359-4117.

Some very meaningful and appropriate comments from those who knew Wootten:

“Lincoln County has lost a true hero. He conquered the land, ocean, and sky. He will be missed.”

“Wootten remained a free spirit with a tremendous enthusiasm for life, adventure and a "Get 'er Done" mind set. His ever present smile always gave a hint of an adolescent's mischief. Simply put, Woot was a Hoot!”



Bronze Star Medal is awarded to a person who, while serving in any capacity in or with the Army of the United States after 6 December 1941, distinguished himself or herself by heroic or meritorious achievement or service in connection with military operations against an armed enemy.



Wootten with two new Young Eagles at the May, 2011, O.B. Brown Fly-in.



The Vietnam Cross of Gallantry is the equivalent of the French Croix de Guerre. The Gallantry Cross was awarded to any military personnel who have accomplished deeds of valor or displayed heroic conduct while fighting an enemy force.