

**LIEUTENANT COLONEL CHENEY L. BERTHOLF, JR, ARMOR**  
**COMMANDING OFFICER, 1ST BATTALION (MECHANIZED), 50TH INFANTRY**  
**BINH DINH PROVINCE, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM**  
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**50TH INFANTRY REGIMENT**

Cheney L Bertholf, Jr., 87, of Altamonte Springs, Florida passed away Monday, January 11, 2016. Mr. Bertholf was born April 22, 1928 in Washington, DC to the late Cheney and Ruth Bierdemann Bertholf. Mr. Bertholf is survived by his sons; Paul F. Bertholf (Alida), John L. Bertholf (Cindy) and 4 Grandchildren; Claire, Catherine, Alex and Holly.



From LTC Bertholf's son Colonel Paul F Bertholf, USMC:

LTC Cheney L. Bertholf (Silver Fox-6) died on 11 Jan 2016 from recurrent prostate cancer. Bert returned from Vietnam and was sent to complete his college education in an Army program called the "Bootstrap Program". Upon completion of his degree at St. Benedict's College, he was posted at The Ohio State University for ROTC instructor duty and was there for the riots on campus. From Ohio he was ordered to 5th Army at Ft. Sam Houston for duty in the G-3 and then orders to Panama as the IG of US Southern Command.

After retirement from the Army in 1976, Bert Bertholf did several jobs as well as working in real estate until he got his Masters in Education from Rollins College and began teaching high school at Oviedo High School in Central Florida. While at the high school he was well known and liked and made it a point to highlight the duties of being a citizen and for the sacrifices made by our military to be respected. He put up and took down the colors at Oviedo H.S. during the ten years he was on staff. He is survived by his son Dutch, who is a Marine and son John, who was an 11B in the U.S. Army and is now a Deputy Sherriff in Seminole County Florida and 4 grandchildren. He always spoke with great pride of his time serving in the 1st Bn 50th inf (Mech). The casualties suffered by the Battalion were always on is mind and he remembered them in his daily prayers. "Play the Game"

**AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

**VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL; FRANCE MEDAL OF FREEDOM; VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL W/DVC 60;  
AIR MEDAL (16<sup>TH</sup> OLC); COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE; BRONZE STAR MEDAL W/V DVC;  
ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL W/V DVC; SILVER STAR; VIETNAM PARACHUTIST BADGE;  
VIETNAM ARMOR BADGE; ARMED FORCES HONOR MEDAL; VIETNAM CROSS OF GALLANTRY W/GOLD STAR;  
VIETNAM CROSS OF GALLANTRY W/PALM; BRONZE STAR MEDAL (2 OLC);  
PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION (3 OLC);  
MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (1 OLC); LEGION OF MERIT**