



50TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

Arthur W. Borr, 67, died October 19th, 2016, with his loving family by his side in Watervliet, MI following complications from a stroke he suffered in 2011.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 PM Saturday November 12th at Hutchins Funeral Home in Watervliet, MI. Burial of his cremains with Military Honors will follow in Fairview Cemetery. Art was born March 12th 1949, in St. Joseph, MI to Arthur and Mildred Borr. They resided in Benton Harbor until relocating to Watervliet where Art remained for the rest of his life.

Art graduated from Watervliet High School in 1967. He then attended Lake Michigan College where he completed the electrical apprenticeship program and went to work for Barber Electric

Art was drafted into the Army in 1969 and fought in Vietnam. He was a member of the 1st Platoon of Company C, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry which was attached to the 173rd Airborne Brigade, aka "Skysoldiers". For his heroic actions while in Vietnam he was awarded numerous medals including a Bronze Star with V Device for Valor, The Army Commendation Medal, the National Defense Medal, the Vietnam Service and Campaign Medals, Vietnam Gallantry Medal and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

After the Army he returned home to continue his career as an electrician working at Modern Plastics, then joining IBEW #153 holding various positions at Whirlpool, IBID Electric, Haworth and lastly as the Facilities Supervisor at Whirlpool Brandywine Creek.

Art was always involved with sports during his free time. A long-time coach in the Watervliet Community he spent many years at Hayes Park and Watervliet High School Coaching Baseball, Football and Softball. Coaching softball was his passion having coached at Watervliet High School for 18 years. A fan of Detroit professional teams and the Michigan Wolverines Art spent many Saturdays at "The Big House" cheering for his Michigan Wolverines.

A very kind and helpful person Art was always willing to lend a helping hand during times of need, especially when those times of need involved electrical issues or snow removal.

The family greatly appreciates all the support they have received from Doctors, Nurses, Therapists, Care Providers, Friends and especially Meg Brookhouse who spent two days a week with him for the past several years.

Mr. Borr was preceded in death by his parents and a step-brother Jim VanHorn. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Jan Borr; son, Greg Borr; Daughter, Kelly Vawter; son-in-law, Ryan Vawter; granddaughter, Reece Vawter who was the best helper a Grandpa could have; brother, Dan Borr; two half-brothers, Pete Van Horn and Harry (Sandy) Van Horn; his cat Bella; and numerous In-Laws, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Nieces, Nephews and beer drinking buddies.

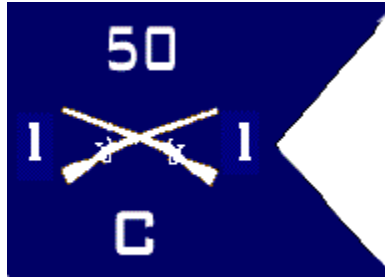
Here is a link to an article about the Bronze Star:

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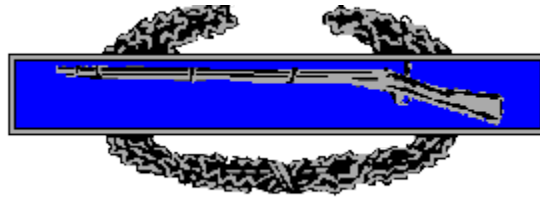
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AWARDS AND DECORATIONS OF ARTHUR BORR



1ST PLATOON, COMPANY C, 1ST BATTALION, 50TH INFANTRY



COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE



**BRONZE
STAR
MEDAL
(VALOROUS)**



**ARMY
COMMENDATION
MEDAL**



**NATIONAL
DEFENSE
MEDAL**



**VIETNAM
SERVICE
MEDAL**



**VIETNAM
CAMPAIGN
MEDAL**



**VIETNAM
GALLANTRY
MEDAL**