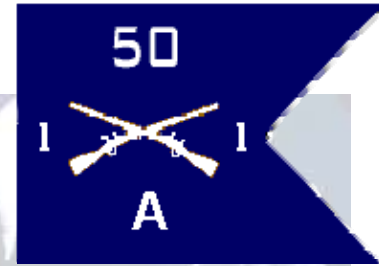




**1ST BATTALION (MECHANIZED), 50TH  
INFANTRY  
"A" COMPANY  
1ST PLATOON LEADER**



**Former First Lieutenant Billy Cornwell was Platoon leader of the 1st Platoon of "A" Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry from January 1969 to January 1970.**

## **Billy C. Cornwell Obituary**

Retired Army Captain Billy C. Cornwell, 70 of Bement passed away at 9:41pm Thursday, January 26, 2012 at his residence in Bement, IL.

Funeral services will beheld at 11:00am Monday, January 30, at Roux-Hinds Funeral Home, 348 N. Piatt St., Bement. The Rev. E. Paul Unger will officiate. Visitation will be held from 4:00 to 6:00pm Sunday, January 29th at the funeral home. Burial with military honors by the Macon County Honor Guard will be at the Hammond Cemetery, Hammond. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, Florida 32256.

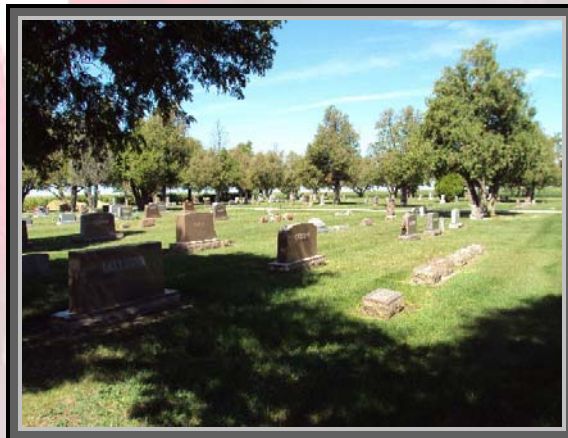
Billy was born on September 12, 1941 in Tompkinsville, KY, a son of Mitchell and Mymie Humes Cornwell. He married Barbara Hall on May 9, 1959 in Taylorville, IL, and she survives of Bement.

Also surviving is a daughter, Debbie L. Zappardino of Bement, and three sons, William C. Cornwell of Hanrahan, SC, Ronnie D. Cornwell of Hammond, IL, and Danny L. Cornwell of Clarksville, TN. Other survivors include 12 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and a sister, Marsha Burgener of Bement. Billy was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Harold and Jimmy Cornwell.



Retired Captain Cornwell was a 20-year Army veteran and served in the Vietnam War and the Dominican Republic. He also farmed in the Bement area for the Ayers Family Farms. He enjoyed teaching agriculture classes at the Ayers Farm for the University of Illinois Agriculture Department and he loved collecting marbles, coca cola products and toy tractors. He most of all enjoyed spending time with his family at the holidays and he loved his fish pond in his backyard.

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## AWARDS AND DECORATIONS



Master Parachutists Badge  
Combat Infantry Badge  
Bronze Star for Valor  
Two Bronze Stars for Meritorious Service  
2 Air Medals  
2 Army Commendation Medals  
4 Purple Hearts  
NCO Professional Development Ribbon  
Meritorious Service Medal  
Good Conduct Medal  
Armed Forces Reserve Medal  
National Defense Service Medal  
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal  
Vietnam Service Medal with 5 Campaign Stars (Single Silver Star)  
Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal  
Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm