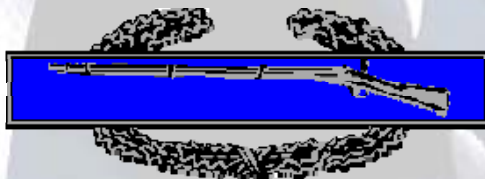




1ST BATTALION (MECHANIZED), 50TH INFANTRY



ANDREW J SOLTIS, JR.



Andrew J Soltis, Jr., age 56, of Perrysburg Township, passed away on Tuesday, June 15, 2004, at St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center after a courageous battle with cancer. Andy spent his life as a hero and died in the same respect. He was born on February 7, 1948, to Andrew J. Sr. and Helen (Kovacs) in Toledo. He was a graduate of Macomber High School and then continued his education at Bowling Green State University where he received a bachelors Degree in Business Administration. Andy proudly served his country in the US Army from 1968 to 1970. In 1969 he spent time in Vietnam and was awarded the Purple Heart as well as an Army Commendation

Medal. While serving with the 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry, 173rd Airborne Brigade, Andy volunteered for special duty as a "Point Man" with the Short Range Ambush Platoon (SRAP). He was employed with Detroit Stoker Co. in Monroe, MI as Director of Purchasing. Andy was a member of the National Association of Purchasing Managers, Disabled American Veterans, Military Order of the Purple Heart and a lifetime member of the VFW Post 2510. He attended the Main Street Church and cherished his involvement in the men's Bible group.

Andy will be missed greatly by an amazing amount of friends and family who will continually love and honor him. Surviving is his loving wife, Jackie (Huff); sons' Christopher, Bradley and Eric Soltis; twin daughters, Kristi and Courtney Soltis; brothers, Louis M (Peggy) and Robert Soltis; mother-in-law, Sidnee Kaminski; father-in-law, Lawrence (Bonnie) Huff and sister-in-law, Bobbie Jo Huff. Also surviving are nieces and nephews, Angela (Michael) Hitchens, Crystal, Meghen, Lauren, Abbie, Marissa and Dylan Soltis, Justin and Brandon Huff; great niece, Hailey Hitchens and great nephew Hunter Hitchens. His legacy will live on in the hearts of all that love him and he will be remembered with honor always and forever. Andy was preceded in death by his parents and infant brother, Andy.

Friends may visit at the Sujkowski Funeral Home of Rossford (830 Lime City Road) on Friday, June 18th from 2 to 9 PM. Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 10:00 AM at the Main Street Church (705 N. Main Street, Walbridge) where the family will greet friends beginning at 9:00 AM. Pastor Tom Caldwell will be officiating. Interment will follow at North Oregon Cemetery. Those wishing an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the American Cancer Society or the Soltis Children's education fund.