

Medding, Captain Walter S.

Interviewed in October 1997 by Dr. Barry W. Fowle

Captain Walter Medding was born in 1922 at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, Missouri. He graduated from Central High School, Memphis, Tennessee, in 1940. He joined the Enlisted Reserve Corps and was called to active duty for basic training and Officer Candidate School (OCS). He graduated from OCS in April 1943 and was commissioned a 2d lieutenant, Corps of Engineers. His later education included a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and a master's degree in sanitary engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, respectively. In addition to his assignment to the 14th Engineer Combat Battalion, other overseas assignments included duty in Asia, Europe, Latin America, and Africa. His stateside assignments included duty as Operations and Intelligence Officer, 92d Engineer Construction Battalion, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, 1963-64.

Walter S. Medding '44
1922 – 2013



Walter
S. Medding
died June 21
in Freder-
icksburg,
Va. A 1944
graduate
of Virginia
Tech with a
degree in civil
engineering,
he also earned

a master's degree in civil engineering
from Virginia Tech. Medding served in
World War II and in Korea and received
seven battle campaign ribbons and two
Bronze Stars, among other decorations.
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at the "tip of the spear." Predeceased by
his wife, Patty, Medding is survived by
his children, grandchildren, and great-
grandchildren.

Walter S. MEDDING

Obituary



The United States and our family lost one of its heroes and patriots with the passing of our father, Walter S. Medding, of Fredericksburg, Va., on Friday, June 21, 2013, at the age of 91. Mr. Medding was the recipient of seven battle campaign ribbons and two [bronze stars](#), among his many decorations for his service in World War II and Korea.

He was a proud civil engineer, having been in the Virginia Tech Class of 1944 (Company E). He also held a master's degree in Civil Engineer from VPI&SU. As a combat engineer, he was frequently at the "tip of the spear."

Mr. Medding was preceded in death by his wife, Patty, and his parents, Walter Lyman and Elizabeth.

He is survived by his children, Jean McLean, of Helena, Mont., Mauri Medding, of Joshua Tree, Calif. and Blake Medding, of Roanoke, Va.; and has numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 20, 2013, at Aquia Episcopal Church, Stafford, Va., where he had been a member for many years. Interment will be in Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

Mr. Medding's children would like to thank his long time friend Kevin Griffin, Comfort Keepers, and the staff of Bowling Green Healthcare Center for their compassionate care.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Virginia Tech Foundation Virginia Tech, University Development 0336, Attn: Gift Accounting, 902 Prices Fork Road, Blacksburg VA 24061. Please write VTCC Medding Memorial on the memo line. For online donations go to <http://www.givingto.vt.edu/> go to Give Now, select "Corps of Cadets Commandant's Priorities" as the designation and indicate that the gift is in memory of Walter S. Medding.

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"Blake, We are so sorry for the loss of your father. Be..."

- Jean Shelor

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