

It Took a Hero

Norman Schwarzkopf's West Point send-off was very fitting. Under the gray skies of February 28, hundreds of friends and admirers gathered in the Cadet Chapel. Among the many honoring **Norm** were 27 classmates with spouses and guests, as well as former Vice President Dick Cheney, Colin Powell, Chief of Staff of the Army General Odierno and retired former Chiefs of Staff of the Army, Generals Vuono and Sullivan.

During the funeral service **Leroy Suddath**, Colin Powell, and Cynthia Schwarzkopf offered inspirational memorial tributes. Cadets serving as ushers, speakers, and marching in the procession following the service to the West Point Cemetery were all members of Cadet Company A-1, **Norm's** former Company.

The burial ceremony at the Cemetery included martial music, gun and rifle salutes, taps, and the presentation of the folded flag to **Brenda** by Superintendent, Lieutenant General David Huntoon. **Norm's** burial is near the gravesite of his father, Herbert, Class of 1917, and his mother. Fox News network provided the only full television coverage.

A reception followed at the West Point Club. **Brenda** and their children Cynthia, Jessica, and Christian, and grandson Max were present. Also notably present were uniformed members of the New Jersey State Police, founded by Norm's father. All were former armed services members.

The nights before and after the service were the scenes of classmate dinner and reminiscence gatherings at the Thayer Hotel and other venues near West Point, all celebrating **Norm's** life.

The Class of 1956 joins **Leroy Suddath** in the closing words of his tribute to **Norm**:

“Seldom does history grant a single individual the ability, charisma, creativity, morality and intelligence to command the respect, admiration and affection of an entire nation. Norm was that man-- and he has left us a great legacy. He was not just a bright light in the Long Gray Line, he was one of the brightest lights in the Long Gray Line-- and we will miss him dearly.”



Attending and pictured left to right, are: **Gerry & Barby Richardson, Carolyn & Ted Ogren, Farrell & Nancy Patrick, Marianne Burhans, Linda Tidler & Luciano Salamone.** Other Classmates taking part included [see next page]:

Doc & Peggy Bahnsen, Nancy Cody, Jack Conklin, Mike & Ann Conrad, Rude & Maude De France, John & Gloria Foss, Gene Fox, Tom & Jane Griffin, Butch Harbold, Carl & Denny Hattler, Tony Jezior, Gus Johnson, Pete & Ginger Lash, Ward & Judy LeHardy, John & Penny McGinn, Dave Muntz & Hedi West, Jack Nicholson, Ted & Carolyn Ogren, Farrell & Nancy Patrick, Gerry & Barby Richardson, Ivar & Ellie Rundgren, Luciano Salamone & Linda Tidler, Jim & Sandra Sewell, Don Sheehan, Bob & Ginny Sorley, Leroy & Carole Suddath, Heath & Mary Twichell, and Bill & Jan Weihl