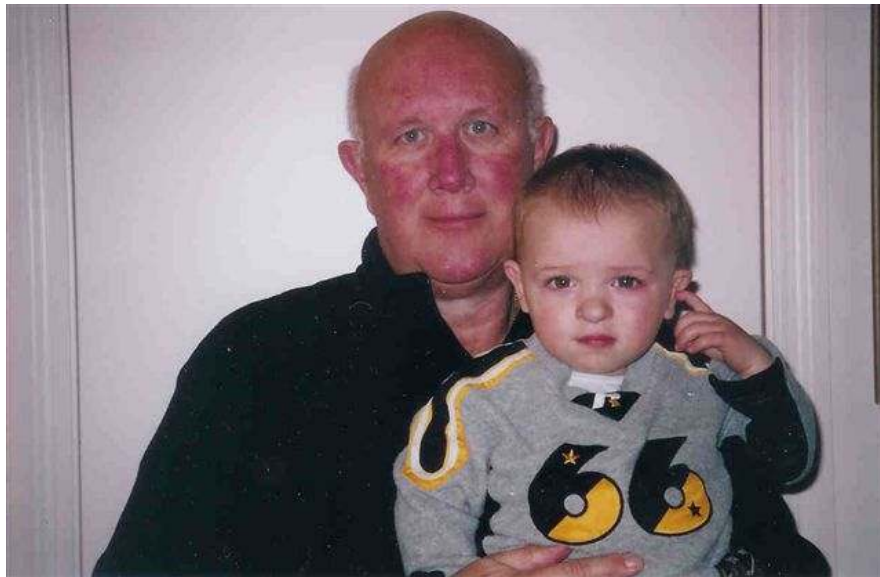


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Leigh Wheeler sent a photo of grandson, Camden Wheeler, one of Leigh's four grandsons. Camden's parents are Kristi and Chris Wheeler who live in Hollis, NH with their other son, Colby. The "66" on Camden's shirt is coincidental, but appropriate—it was souvenir of the Pittsburgh Penguins hockey team given by another grandparent.



Leigh Wheeler & grandson Camden

Tom Farewell accepted a new position last year with Dole Food Company as the VP for Worldwide R&D and QA. "My official office is Westlake, CA (between LA and Santa Barbara), however worldwide travel keeps us on the go. We have a second home in CA to roost while there but have kept our home in HI and work from there part of the time. We are expecting our 14th grandchild this month so catching up with the family in between trips also keeps life exciting. Looking forward to the reunion. With the 9/11/2001

interruption, it has been too long since we have seen our classmates and wives. Looking forward to seeing everyone in September.”

Doug and Debbie Thornblom and **Bill and Kathryn Gang** returned from vacationing in Spain during the month of May. The contacts and friends Doug made during six years of attaché duty there were invaluable in ensuring the foursome had a wonderful time. They did everything from wine tasting in Penafiel to sailing the Mediterranean off the coast of Malaga. Even the weather cooperated! Doug is enjoying retirement and spending time with family and friends. In fact, he barely had time to get his tux cleaned before he and Debbie dashed off to daughter Kari’s wedding in Austin. Debbie still puts in three days a week as a nurse at Mayo, and she loves it. Kathryn Gang has retired from the education business, and enjoys spending time in her gardens at their Rancho Santa Fe, CA, residence. Bill is still at work as the Chief Operating Officer of a research and development company in San Diego, where he also serves as Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for California (South). Both couples invite classmates to come and visit!



Four Amigos: Doug & Debbie Thornblom, Kathy & Bill Gang

Ed Johnson made the arrangements for the 17 Jun memorial service for **Mike Fry** at Ft MacArthur in San Pedro, CA. **Bob Catlin, Ed Johnson, Ted Lingle, John Boyd and Rusty Correia** attended the memorial service on behalf of the Class. This is a beautiful site looking south over L.A. harbor towards Long Beach. It was a moving and fitting tribute to Mike's life and accomplishments. On display were numerous mementos of Mike's military career, including his medals and several signed group photos from his command, Joint Staff and State Department assignments. Thanks also to **Freddy McFarren, Ron Cox** and several other classmates whose tributes were also displayed. Bob Catlin spoke of Mike's time at West Point and was joined by one of Mike's high school classmates and representatives from the seven different service and charitable organizations where Mike volunteered. The common theme among all was Mike's cheerful participation, dedication and compassion. Mike truly left a legacy we can all be proud of. The current plan is that Mike's ashes will be inurned at the West Point cemetery after the memorial service at our reunion.



**Ed Johnson, Rusty Correia, Ted Lingle, John Boyd
& Bob Catlin at Mike Fry's Memorial Service**

Mike Campbell reported “that he and younger daughter, Brianne, graduated from our CNA program on 13 May and then rushed to the championship match in the Colorado state tennis tournament, where my granddaughter, Erin Sanders, a freshman from Ponderosa High School, lost in the Division 5-A, number one singles. It was quite an accomplishment for a freshman, and she played with great poise and composure. Happily, she is as good a student as she is a tennis player. My son, Scott, is a marketing manager with ESPN in New York and draws many assignments that sound like fun to me. My favorite trips with Scott have been to Ann Arbor in ‘03 for the Michigan-Ohio State game and in ‘02 for the overtime game against Penn State, which we enjoyed from the sidelines. I retired from Deloitte & Touche five years ago and have occupied myself with travel, golf, fishing and a couple of consulting projects, most notably helping WorldCom correct its financial statements. I expect to be appointed as a director of a smaller public company in the next couple of weeks. My wife, TK, and I have homes in Castle Rock, CO and Kingwood, TX, but plan to sell the one in CO, since she has decided to pursue a masters degree in occupational therapy in Houston. She also has an MBA, but has always been medically inclined. As you might imagine, all of this excitement makes it difficult for me to stay focused on my retirement.”

John Fera was honored on 24 Jun '06 in Danvers, MA. The members of the 94th US Army Reserve Command and the citizens of Danvers re-dedicated the site to our fallen classmate Lt John Fera “to commemorate once again his heroic actions on that day in 1968, and make it possible for those who pass this way in the future to read and reflect upon the great sacrifice made by this brave American soldier in the service to his country.” Several members of our class served in the 173d Abn Bde with John. Dale Kurtz, '73 sent the following report of the ceremony. “Thank you for your notes about Lt Fera. The ceremony was very nice. His mother and her husband, his brother with his wife, two daughters and their husbands and three children as well as his widow were in attendance. I had forwarded your notes to the coordinator of the ceremony and he included a small excerpt in the program. “John and I were in the same company. Like most “airborne” officers of the day, he was gung-ho, diligent in his duties and concerned for his men. He lived the

airborne tradition and his death added to the relatively long list of 1966 classmates who were killed with the 173rd during our stay in II Corps.”

Gene and Carol Driscoll “look forward to the 40th Reunion in September. We are very happy in where we are in life right now. Our greatest happiness comes to us from our children – all three are doing very well. We’ve been able to visit the UK in May to be with our daughter Erin and her family (our first grandson Eamon is now 28 mos old), and make frequent visits to Richmond to see our oldest son, Gene Jr., who is a banker, and our 2 1/2yr old granddaughter, Emma, and 8 mos old 2nd grandson, Hayden. Life is good. We look forward to seeing our friends at our Class reunion.”



Gene & Carol Driscoll's grandson Eamon with his red hair