



COL David Michael "Mike" Moak, 1973
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Died Sunday, March 29, 1998, at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C., age 47, born and raised in Baton Rouge. Friends may call at Everly Funeral Home, Fairfax, Va., 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, with a rosary at 8 p.m. Funeral services at Arlington National Cemetery at 10:45 a.m. Thursday. Survived by wife, Julia; a son, Aaron, 16; and a daughter, Shelane, 14. In 1973, he received a bachelor of arts degree in government from Southeastern Louisiana University, where he was also commissioned as a second lieutenant, regular Army, in the infantry. Upon commissioning, he attended and completed the U.S. Army Infantry Officer Basic Course at Fort Benning, Ga. After graduation, he was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division, where he served as a rifle platoon leader, scout platoon leader, rifle company executive officer, battalion S3 air and rifle company commander. His subsequent assignments include commander, Army ROTC detachment, Louisiana College, operations officer, 202nd Military Intelligence Battalion (HUMTNT), commander, 641st Military Intelligence Company (HUMINT), operations officer, executive officer and interim battalion commander, 18th Military Intelligence Battalion (HUMINT), Brigade S3 Operations, 66th Military Intelligence Brigade, deputy chief of staff for intelligence, Army Special Operations Forces, Europe, executive officer, 201st Military Intelligence Brigade (Tactical, I Corps), battalion commander, 14th Military Intelligence Battalion (Tactical Exploration), and systems/force integrator, deputy chief of staff for operations, headquarters, Department of the Army. His military training included, in addition to the infantry officers basic course, the infantry officers advance course, airborne school, Ranger school, air assault school, jungle warfare school, rappel master, German airborne school, nuclear, biological and chemical course, counterintelligence special agent course, HUMINT training, terrorism counteraction course, command and general staff course and the National War College. His civilian education, in addition to a bachelor of arts degree in government, included a master of arts degree in human resource management from Pepperdine University and a master of science degree in national security strategy from the National Defense University. He conducted extensive study in the counterterrorist field and published one book commercially, entitled "Surviving Hostage Situations." He also developed an individual self-study manual for the Army, entitled "Terrorism Counteraction." His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Army Meritorious Service Medal (sixth award), the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Service Medal, Army Overseas Medal, National Defense Medal, Office of the Secretary of Defense Identification Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Airborne Badge, Air Assault Badge, Ranger Tab and German Airborne Badge. At the time of his death, he was assigned to the office of the assistant secretary of defense for command, control, communications and intelligence, where he was responsible for enhancing the Department of Defense's intelligence capabilities in support of combating terrorism and force protection. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association.