

## **JERRY HACKER**

**Jerry Hacker was born on May 7, 1943 in Bloomington, Indiana to Helen & Hollis Hacker. He had two brothers; Richard (Rick) and David. He had two sisters, Marjorie and Esther.**

**He attended grade schools in Bloomington and graduated from George Washington High School in Indianapolis in 1961. He also attended Indiana State University.**

**Jerry entered the United States Army on April 30, 1964 and was sent to Ft. Knox, Kentucky for basic training and then was still at Ft. Knox for AIT and also at Ft. Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis.**

**He was sent to Ft. Lewis, Washington where he received his orders for Vietnam. He arrived in Vietnam at Qui Nhon and was sent to the 504<sup>th</sup> MP Battalion where he served in 1965-66.**

**When his Tour of Duty ended, he returned to Ft. Huachuca, Arizona and finished out his three years of service as a Specialist 5 or Spec. 5 (E-5). He received his honorable discharge on April 29, 1967 in Arizona.**

**Jerry received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm, Army Good Conduct Medal and the Marksmanship badge for a rifle.**

**He returned to Indiana and was married to his wife, from Lebanon, Indiana, Deanna (Dee Park) on September 2, 1967.**

**They have two daughters: Katie (Craig) Brown and their two children, Quinn and Parker, who reside in Prescott, Arizona.**

**Daughter, Laura (David Pike) and their daughter, Vivien, live in West Lafayette, Indiana.**

**Dee and Jerry owned and operated Dee's Delights Inc. for many years and sold miniature doll houses and 38,000 items as importers and manufacturing wholesale distributors across the**

**nation. Jerry received an award for the Hobby & Craft Association and was elected to the National Hall of Fame. Jerry serves on the Lawrenceburg Library Board as a Trustee. He was a volunteer on the Hidden Valley Lake Property Owners Association, founding board member for the POA at Hidden Valley and on the Utility Board at HVL. He served for many years on the United Community Bank Foundation and still serves on the Civista Bank Foundation. He served on the board at Hillforest in Aurora, volunteered at the Clearing House for many years and was a recipient of a Heart of Gold Award. His wife, was awarded a Woman of Distinction Award for Dearborn County from the Chamber of Commerce. They make quite the couple when it comes to supporting and volunteering. You won't find anyone with bigger hearts and the willingness to help others than Jerry and Dee. They are True American Patriots.**

**Jerry is a Life Member of the Southeastern Indiana Vietnam Veterans of America, Lary D. Fogle Chapter 71 in Aurora. He was presented a Quilt of Valor by Sheila Stevenson and the Rivertown Quilters.**

**Jerry is proud of his service to our great nation as a Vietnam Veteran and supports our troops serving today.**