

Lt. Colonel Bud Fredericks Obituary, 2009

Harold Fredericks died June 28, 2009, at his home in Corvallis, Ore., at 82. A Marine Corps officer for 23 years, Mr. Fredericks had served three years in the Oregon State University Navy ROTC program in Corvallis prior to his retirement in 1968 with the rank of colonel; previously, he was commander, for nine months, of the 1st Battalion 4th Marines, in Vietnam. Beginning his military career in the Navy ROTC program at Holy Cross, Mr. Fredericks completed basic training at Quantico, Va., as a second lieutenant. In October 1948, he began a nine-month deployment to Tsingtao, China, followed by deployment, in 1950, to Korea, with the First Marine Brigade; Mr. Fredericks was a member of the "Chosin Few," an organization of survivors of the battle of Chosin Reservoir that took place there that winter. During this time, he was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action; the Bronze Star for heroism; and the Purple Heart for his actions at the Pusan Perimeter. Upon his return to the United States, he taught English literature at the Naval Academy in Annapolis. Attending the Junior School at Quantico in 1955, Mr. Fredericks was deployed to Okinawa the following year for 13 months. Subsequently returning to the United States, he held the post of officer of procurement in New York City. Mr. Fredericks then attended Stanford (Calif.) University, where he earned his master's degree in personnel management in 1959; serving at the U.S. Marine Corps headquarters in Washington, D.C., from 1960 to 1962, Mr. Fredericks was then transferred to the Kaneohe Base in Hawaii until his deployment to Vietnam in 1965. After his retirement from the military, he began a second career as an advocate for individuals who are developmentally disabled. Earning his Ph.D. in special education at the University of Oregon in 1969, Mr. Fredericks subsequently began working as a professor at the Teaching Research Institute at Western Oregon University in Monmouth, Ore.; from 1967 to 1996, he served as the institute's assistant director. The author of numerous books, Mr. Fredericks developed special education curricula for public schools and served as a master grant writer for the developmentally disabled community. In 2001, he received the Outstanding Alumnus Award from the University of Oregon College of Education Alumni Society. Mr. Fredericks' community service also included involvement with Habitat for Humanity, Work Unlimited, Children and Family Services and the Jackson Street Youth Shelter. He was a longtime parishioner at St. Mary's Church in Corvallis. Mr. Fredericks is survived by a son; three daughters; two sons-in-law; a daughter-in-law; a brother; a sister-in-law; and 13 grandchildren.