

**CWO4 William R. Ruth \*1943-2001\* K8LWQ - W3HRD** - Bill, born and raised in Alliance, Ohio. Attended the Alliance school system, interested in flying and the sciences at an early age. Became a Marine pilot in the Vietnam War, flying Medivac helicopters. Bill ferried the wounded and dead out of conflict.



After the Vietnam era, Ruth resided in Mount Airy Maryland, obtained his masters and teaching social studies for many years. Again duty called in the Persian Gulf - Bill flew for the Army National Guard 29<sup>TH</sup> ATC again at the helm of a chopper.

The morning of 11 Sept 2001 Bill had sent his brother David a email from the Pentagon and in 2 hours 125 service members including Bill Ruth plus 64 persons on board American Airlines Flight 77 lost their lives by a deliberate crash into the west side of the Pentagon.

Bill age 57 was commissioned for a year the prior November and served in the Office of the Chief of Army Reserves at the Pentagon. Living in nearby Mount Airy, MD he had obtained the call of W3HRD.

Teaching was Bill's passion and had been teaching nearly 31 years in the Maryland system. He was a voracious reader and caring mentor.

The Ruth's have a proud military connection, his sole surviving son Sean is also serving overseas.

