



**Rodney Jay Kuhns**  
**Captain U.S. Army**  
**1 August 1965 – 15 March 1968**

Rodney was born in Allentown, Pennsylvania, on 22 April 1943 while his family was living in Wescosville, Pennsylvania, in Lower Macungie Township. His parents were **Eleanore Bergstresser Keller** (born on 4 February 1917) and **Robert Frederick Kuhns** (31 August 1917 – 3 September 2004). He attended grades 1–6 at Minesite and Lower Macungie Elementary Schools from 1949 to 1955, and graduated from Emmaus High School in Emmaus, Pennsylvania, in 1961. While attending Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Biology in 1965, he worked part-time for Kuhns and Anthony Paving Company, co-owned by his father and Walter Anthony. At Gettysburg, Rodney enrolled in the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps, and was commissioned 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the Army and assigned to U.S. Army Military Police (MP) School at Fort Gordon, Georgia, for nine weeks of training. He was then assigned to U.S. Army Headquarters Europe at Heidelberg, Germany, where he was a Platoon Commander for the Headquarters Honor Guard for two months. After that, Rodney was assigned to U.S. Army School Europe in Oberammergau, Germany, as a Military Police Instructor until his release from active duty at the rank of Captain on 15 March 1968 at Fort Dix, New Jersey, and assignment to the Army Reserves until 5 June 1971. After his release from active duty, Rodney attended The Pennsylvania State University, earning a Master of Education Degree in Educational Administration in 1969. He then became Assistant High School Principal at State College, Pennsylvania, 1969 to 1970, prior to earning his Doctor of Philosophy Degree at Penn State in Educational Administration in 1972. After earning his Doctorate, he became Assistant Superintendent of Business, Towanda Area School District (1972–1973); Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Everett Area School District (1973–1978); Superintendent of Schools, Everett Area School District (1979–1989); then Superintendent of Schools, Bellwood-Antis School District, until his retirement in 2003. Rodney married **Judy E. Koontz** (born 26 September 1947) on 6 August 1966 while stationed in Oberammergau. They had two children: **Katey Michele** (born 7 November 1971) and **Robert Michael** (born 10 November 1973). Besides State College, Towanda, and Everett, Pennsylvania, Rodney and Judy lived in Bedford, Altoona, and Auburn, Pennsylvania, where they settled in 2003. During World War II, Rodney's father served in the Navy and his uncle, **Samuel Harry Kuhns**, served in the Army Air Corps. Rodney's brother **Robert L. Kuhns** served in the Navy and his brother **Harry Charles Kuhns** served in the Army.