



Honest John Missile



Nike Missile



Craig Lee Bartholomew
Specialist 5/Class U.S. Army
30 August 1956–28 August 1959



Corporal Missile



Craig was born at home in Hellertown, Pennsylvania, on 11 September 1938. He attended grade school at the Reinhard School and graduated from Hellertown Junior-Senior High School in 1956. When he turned 17, Craig joined a Marine Corps Reserve Unit, the Skysweeper Battalion, in Freemansburg, Pennsylvania. The unit spent summer camp in 1956 at Camp Pendleton and Twentynine Palms, California, training on 90 mm and 75 mm anti-aircraft guns. On 30 August 1956, he enlisted in the Regular Army in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Craig received basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey, where he was appointed a Squad Leader and Acting Sergeant. After 8 weeks basic training, he went to Signal School at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, in November 1956 for 12 weeks basic radar training. In February 1957, he went to Sandia Base in Albuquerque, New Mexico, for 8 weeks electrical training and an additional 8 weeks electronic training on firing and fusing systems for the MK 7 nuclear warhead used on Honest John, Corporal and Nike guided missiles, qualifying as an Electronic Technician - Special Weapons. After that, he was assigned to a newly formed ordnance unit which underwent 10 months unit training at Sandia. In April 1958, they transferred to Northwest Depot Activity, Seneca Ordnance Depot, near Romulus, New York. There his unit inspected and maintained MK 7 warheads. He remained at Seneca until his discharge at Romulus on 28 August 1959. Craig then enrolled at Pennsylvania State University. In his sophomore year, he was awarded a scholarship by the St Andrews Society of Philadelphia to study during his junior year at St Andrews University in Scotland. While at St Andrews, he met his future wife, **Ann Elizabeth Seed** (born 29 July 1943), daughter of his history professor **Dr. Geoffrey Seed** and **Nelda (Cain) Seed**. He graduated from Penn State in 1963 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree (Political Science major), and then enrolled there in graduate school in Political Theory & Economics until April 1964. In May 1964, he took a job in the Purchasing Department of Bethlehem Steel Corporation in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. His duties included purchasing capital equipment and writing and administering construction contracts. While at Bethlehem Steel, he received lifetime certification as a Certified Purchasing Manager and retired as a Purchasing Agent in January 1998. Craig and Ann married on 18 September 1965 in Cathedral Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. They have two children, **Kathryn Jean** and **Jonathan David**, and a grand daughter, **Elizabeth Ann Ruch**. After briefly living in Center Valley and Fountain Hill, Pennsylvania, they purchased Laudenslager's Mill and its 1868 miller's house in Lower Macungie Township, where they have lived since June 1967. Craig served on the Board of the Lehigh County Conservation District from 1980 to 1991 and from 1984 to 1989 served as its Chairman. He served on the committee that wrote *A History of Lower Macungie Township*, which was published by the Township Bicentennial Committee in 1976. He became a scholar of the local iron industry, co-authored *A History of the Anthracite Iron Industry of the Lehigh Valley*, and wrote articles on local iron-making for the *Proceedings of the Lehigh County Historical Society* and the *Proceedings of the Canal History and Technology Symposium*. He has served on the Board of the National Canal Museum in Easton, Pennsylvania, and on the Board of the Friends of the 1803 House in Emmaus, Pennsylvania, for many years. He was a charter member of the Lower Macungie Township Historical Society and currently serves as its President. His parents were **Llewellyn Lester James Bartholomew** (6 July 1917 – 30 May 1972) and **Jean Arleta Schrantz** (30 March 1920 – 28 April 1996). Two of Craig's brothers served during the Vietnam era: **Michael Francis** in the Army, and **Keith William John** in the Navy.