



John E Pingelski
United States Army - NYANG
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John E. Pingelski was born in Troy, NY and raised in the Town of Halfmoon. He is the son of John and Helen (Krupski) Pingelski and had two sisters. After graduating from Shenendehowa High School he enlisted in the United States Army, New York Army National Guard (NYANG), and was assigned to Company B, 27th Quartermaster BN, Saratoga Springs, New York. In July 1962 he was transferred to Ft. Dix New Jersey where he received his basic and advanced training. Upon completion of his training he was transferred back to Company B, 27th QM BN, Saratoga Springs. In April 1962 he was reassigned to Company B 27th S&T BN, Saratoga Springs. In June 1964 he was reassigned to Company A S&T BN, Saratoga Springs from which he was honorably discharged in December 1967. While in the NYANG he was trained as a Heavy Vehicle Driver, Petroleum Storage Specialist and Leader Operator. His military occupational specialty (MOS) at the time of his discharge was a Construction Machine Operator 62E20 and he achieved the rank of SP5 E5. While in the service of the NYANG he received the following badges: US Rifle M1 Sharpshooter and US Carbine Marksman. In his civilian life he worked as a Maintenance Dispatcher for Grand Union. He was a longtime member of the Mechanicville Elks and the Hillcrest Volunteer Fire Department in Halfmoon. He was married to his wife Diane and had four children and 9 grandchildren. His family was very proud of him.