

Richard M. Epting August 6,1941 – April 15, 2026

Dublin, GA

Christ will have to wait just a little longer before taking Colonel (Ret.) Richard Marion Epting into His arms. There is no doubt he needed one final look across the beaches of Chu Lai, and a stop in the halls of Valhalla to pay respect to the great warriors who went before him.

Richard Marion Epting was born on Aug. 6, 1941, in Hilliard, Florida, near the Okefenokee Swamp—a place that helped shape the toughness and character he would carry throughout his life. He answered the call to serve his country and was commissioned as an Infantry Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School, Class 20-69, on June 20, 1969.

Over the course of a distinguished 26-year career in the United States Army, including 13 months in Vietnam as a LRRP in G Company Rangers 75th INF, he embodied the highest standard of leadership and sacrifice.

In recognition of his impact and legacy, he was inducted into the Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame in 1993.

A soldier at his core— Ranger and Green Beret – he lived a life defined by service: soldier, husband and father … in that order. He believed deeply in God, instilled a love of country and an unwavering pride in service. Above all, he up held the honor of family and remained devoted to his beloved wife of 63 years, Jane Weatherly Epting, through the end of his days and into eternity.

Following his retirement from the Army, Colonel Epting made his home in Dublin, Georgia, where he continued to live with the same strength, conviction, and quiet professionalism that defined his military career.

Colonel Epting's legacy lives on through his wife, his children, and a proud line of grandchildren who will carry forward the values he lived by.

Rest easy, Colonel. Your patrol has brought you home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Wounded Warrior Project or Tunnel to Towers Foundation in his memory.

A private graveside service was held Sunday, April 19, 2026 on the family farm.

A donation has been made to the Wounded Warrior Project from the OC 20-69 Memorial Fund in COL Epting's memory.