



John Clayton Jones Co A-1

Clay was the "Ego Rep" for A-1, having acquired the position when his classmates discovered that he kept a colored portrait of himself on his desk. Always ready to discuss anything, particularly religion, Clay would always be found helping his classmates with their academic problems. By virtue of fine mind and education, Clay always had his studies buffaloeed.

Born – 5 Feb 1937, California.

To USMA – Came from Ogden, UT. Appointed by Utah 1st. Nickname – "Clay."

Died – 9 May 2013 (age 76) at Rolling Hills Estates, CA. Buried at Green Hills Memorial Park, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA.

Military Awards - Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal.

Schooling – Master's Degree in Aeronautics and Astronautics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

Family - Wife – Mercy Jones – 3 step-children (Anthony, Jennifer, and Diane) – 6 grandchildren.

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Clay served on active duty in the Air Force for 20 years, retiring in 1981, with the rank of Major. He served at Boston, MA (Massachusetts Institute of Technology, MIT), Wright Patterson AFB and Air Force Systems Command (research and development for advanced aircraft such as the F-16 and C-5A), Los Angeles, CA (Space & Missile Systems Organization – research and development for the largest Air Force launch vehicle – the Titan Rocket), and Korea.

After retirement from the Air Force, Clay was the Systems Director for Space Launch Operations at the Aerospace Corporation for 25 years. The work involved advising the Air Force on the technical aspects of rocket development and launch and integrating payloads with the launch vehicle. Clay passed away on 9 May 2013, from pancreatic cancer.