



Wayne Russell Williams Co B-1

Wayne has never been one to hit the books hard. But when the occasion arises, he gets the job done whether it be in academics, or athletics. Around West Point, Squirrel is known for his athletic prowess. Beside playing football and basketball, he has captained the Army baseball team to a highly successful season.

Born – 26 Jan 1939, Delmar, MD.

To USMA – Came from Delmar, MD. Appointed by Maryland 1st. Nickname – “Squirrel”.

Died – 22 June 2001 (age 62) at Smyrna, DE. Buried at Summit Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Bear, DE.

Military Awards – 3 Bronze Star Medals, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal (with V), 2 Army Commendation Medals, and others.

Schooling – MBA Degree, Western New England College, Command and General Staff College.

Family - Wife – Ann J. Williams (40 years, married in June 1961) – 2 sons (Chet and Darin) – 4 grandchildren.

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Wayne served on active duty in the Army (Artillery) for 22 years, retiring in 1983 with the rank of Colonel. He served with Air Defense units in and served as the Aid to the Commanding General, Army Tank Automotive Command (ATAC). He then served in Vietnam (Battalion Executive Officer, 3d Battalion, 34th Field Artillery, 9th Infantry Division), Korea (first tour), Carlisle, PA (Command and General Staff College), Korea (second tour), West Point, NY (Company Tactical Officer, 2nd Regiment), Germany (1st Battalion, 81st Field Artillery, 56th Field Artillery Brigade), Ft. Devens, MA (Chief, Personnel Service Division and Assistant Director, Personnel and Community Activities), Ft. Hamilton, NY (Deputy Commander, NY Area Command).

After retirement from the Army, the Williams family settled at Garrison Lake Golf Course in Smyrna, DE. He worked for the State of Delaware Insurance Commissioner and was a Real Estate Agent. Wayne passed away on 22 June 2001, from a heart attack.

Footnote – At West Point Wayne spent an inordinate amount of time trying to identify and analyze trick questions on exams at the expense of time available for the more mundane questions. We believe that he would have stood 100 files higher in the class if he had just ignored the trick questions, but then he would not have been the “Squirrel” we all knew and loved.