



Jack McConnell Martin Co D-1

Jack's friendly nature and determination are his greatest attributes. The latter quality has helped him develop many new abilities. When not working on the assemblage of hi fi equipment or lifting weights, he warred with the academic departments, finally winning a star for his B-robe. Smiling Jack's enthusiasm for any new challenge is sure to make him a successful leader.

Born – 15 Nov 1939, Kingsport, TN.

To USMA – Came from Fort Blackmore, VA. Appointed by Virginia 9th.

Died – 16 June 1998 (age 58) at Marietta, GA. Buried at Kennesaw Memorial Park, Marietta, GA.

Military Awards – Bronze Star Medal, 4 Meritorious Service Medals, 4 Army Commendation Medals.

Schooling – MBA Degree, University of Alabama, Armed Forces Staff College.

Family - Wife – Joan Marcia Glass Martin (34 years) – 3 sons (David USMA '88, Andrew USMA '90 and Daniel) – 3 plus grandchildren.

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Jack served on active duty in the Army (Signal Corps) for 21 years, retiring in 1982, with the rank of Lt. Colonel. His first assignment was with the 51st Signal Battalion in Korea. He then served at Ft. Campbell, KY (501st Signal Battalion), Ft. Monmouth, NJ (Signal Advanced Course), Pentagon, Arlington, VA (Office of Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence), Vietnam (69th Signal Battalion, Norfolk, VA (Armed Forces Staff College), Ft. Monmouth, NJ (Army Electronics Command), Tuscaloosa, AL (University of Alabama), Nekoma, ND (Command of the Communications Command Safeguard Complex), West Point, NY (Executive Officer of the Corps of Cadets, 4th Regiment, the Office of the Commandant, and Assistant Deputy Post Commander), Ft. Dix, NJ (Command of the 4th Battalion, 3rd Basic Training Brigade), Ft. Shafter, HI (Chief, Plans and Operations Division and Deputy Commander, U.S. Army Communications Command - Western Command).

After retirement from the Army, Jack and his family moved to San Jose, CA, where Jack was principal of a Christian elementary school. In 1983, the family moved to Marietta, GA, where Jack became Administrator for Marietta Christian Schools. From 1984 to 1993, Jack was Senior Project Manager at the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations in Atlanta, GA. Jack passed away on 16 June 1998, from a stroke and diabetes.

Footnote – Jack's grave marker speaks to his strong Christian faith, simply stating "Absent from the body, present with the Lord".