



Dominador Baldomero Bazan Co G-1

Kaiser came to West Point from Panama and quickly won the friendship and admiration of all who knew him. His quick smile, friendly manner, and willingness to help one and all won him friends throughout the Corps. He was a credit to his country, and to the Corps of Cadets, we who knew him are honored to have made a truly great friend.

Born – 13 Dec 1937, Colon, Panama.

To USMA – Came from Colon, Panama.

Appointed by Republic of Panama. Nickname – “Kaiser”.

Died – 8 Aug 2006 (age 68) in Panama City, Panama. Buried at Inlesia Del Carmen, Panama City, Panama.

Military Awards – Unknown.

Schooling – Master’s Degree in Engineering, Stanford University.

Family - Wife – Maribel Bazán – 4 children (Bill, Gabriel, Kaiser Antonio and Marisabel) – grandchildren.

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Kaiser served in a number of public posts in Panama. He was also one of the leading businessmen in Panama and throughout Central and South America. He was most known for his integrity and his support for the people of Panama.

After graduation from West Point, Kaiser served in the Panamanian military and as an Aide to the President of Panama. In 1968, he was one of the youngest elected “Deputados” (Senator / Congressman). He was also the leader of his political party. In 1986, he was appointed as the Panamanian Ambassador to the U.S. From 1999 to 2004, he served as the Vice President of the Republic of Panama for five years. From Mac Greeley - I'll never forget walking to dinner with Kaiser at the 40th reunion and casually asking him what he was doing. "Actually, I'm the Vice-President," he replied, never batting an eye. We continued our stroll down the corridor - Kaiser with a smile on his face and I with muchos huevos on mine. He was always larger than life to me.

Kaiser died in an automobile accident on 8 August 2006, on the stormy Corredor del Norte. A car driven by his chauffeur hit a pool of water, spun out, plunged into a ravine and smashed into a tree. Kaiser apparently was not wearing his seat belt. Both Kaiser and the driver died. Wilbert, "Bill," Kaisers eldest son, commented that his father made it clear that he wanted to be cremated wearing his West Point bathrobe, adorned with all the sports letters, badges, and other paraphernalia. Kaiser's love of the Academy and what it represented to him throughout his life was what he wished to carry with him to the grave.

Footnote from Mac Greeley - And the nickname Kaiser. How did he get that? I can hear his answer yet - "Porque suena de potencia." Translated somewhat freely - "Because it signifies a man of power." You bet.