



John Bardonner Zimmerman Co A-2

Jack has always been held in high esteem by his classmates at the Academy and is assured of receiving this same respect during his career in the Army. His classmates will always remember him for his ability to strike up a conversation and maintain it. A typical cadet with respect to his attitude towards the system, but always glad inside that he was attending the Point.

Born – 31 July 1939 in Pennsylvania.

To USMA – from Allison Park, PA. Nickname – “Jack”.

Died – 12 Nov. 2021 (age 82) at Vestavia Hills, AL. Buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Military Awards – Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, 2 Army Commendation Medals, Meritorious Service Medal.

Schooling – Master of Science in Chemistry, MS Degree, Pennsylvania State University. Armed Forces Staff College, AFSC.

Family – 1st Wife – Joan Beidler Zimmerman (47 years, deceased) – 3 children (Julie, Jill, Jeffrey) – 8 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren – 2nd Wife – Sandy Zimmerman – Sandy’s family.

Contact – Sandy Zimmerman, Address 1582 Panorama Drive, Vestavia Hills, AL 35216 and Jack’s 3 children at Jack’s Address 5206 Tamar Woods Court, Fairfax, VA 22032, Phones unknown, Emails unknown.

Jack served on active duty in the Army (Artillery) for 22 years, retiring in 1984, with the rank of Lt Colonel. His first assignment was with the 3/11th Artillery in Germany. He then served at State College, PA (Student, Pennsylvania State University), Vietnam (S3, Operations, 6/27th Artillery, RVN), West Point, NY (Instructor, Chemistry Department), Fort Hood, TX (Secretary of the General Staff, SGS, 1st Cavalry Division and Executive Officer, XO, 2/19th Field Artillery), Norfolk, VA (Student, Armed Forces Staff College, AFSC), Korea (Headquarters, United Nations Command, UNC), Pentagon, VA (Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Research Development and Acquisition, ODCSRDA, Army Staff Identification Badge), Redstone Arsenal, AL (Headquarters, Department of the Army Materiel Development & Readiness Command, DARCOM),

After leaving active duty in the Army, Jack had a successful career in government contracting in the Washington D.C. area. His focus was on – “trying to use my R&D skills and chemistry education to provide the best possible munitions to our Army.” He worked for the Olin Corp (Director of New Business and Director of the Washington, D.C. office), Primex Tech, Inc. and BRTRC, Inc. Jack passed away on 12 November 2021, from an acute pulmonary embolism.

Footnote from Jack – “I found the Class of 1961 stretched throughout the Army, and they provided Joan and me and our children with friendships and stability as we made our moves into new homes, schools and communities. We have been blessed with great friends, Classmates and wives, who even today remain our strongest friendships.”