



Joseph K. Clema Co A-2

Former Classmate

Born – 23 Sept. 1938.

To USMA – Nickname – “Dr. Joe.”

Died – 27 Oct. 2017 (age 79) at The Villages, FL. Buried at the Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL.

Military Awards – National Defense Service Medal.

Schooling – BS Degree in Chemistry, University of Nebraska, MS Degree in Operations Research, University of Miami, Doctorate, PhD, Colorado State University.

Family - Wife – Esthella Clema (32 years).

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Joe left West Point cow year (March 1960) and obtained a BS Degree in Chemistry from the University of Nebraska. He then served on active duty in the Army Corps of Engineers and Chemical Corps. His first assignment was with the 554th Float Bridge Company in Takoma, WA. He transferred to the Chemical Corps, served at the Edgewood Arsenal, MD and then was the Assistant Division Chemical Officer, 3rd Armored Division in Frankfurt, Germany.

After leaving active duty in the Army, Joe obtained a MS Degree in Operations Research (Computing and Math) from the University of Miami. He then served as the Head of the Applications Department in the Colorado State University Computing Center. While there he obtained a Doctorate Degree (PhD) from Colorado State University. His doctoral dissertation was titled – “Simulation of Human Decision Making”.

Most of Joe’s subsequent career was in military oriented technical work with including – General Dynamics (F-16 Avionics), Pratt & Whitney (Real-time Engine Testing), General Electric (Statistical Analysis), SAIC (Communications Analysis), IBM (Computer Aided Software Engineering), and others. His last assignment during his working career was with the U.S. Army’s 1st Information Operations Command (Senior Scientist), helping to provide information operations support to Army and Joint Land Commanders. Joe passed away on 27 October 2017, from a heart attack while battling Parkinson’s disease.

Footnote from Joe – “I will never forget that when I entered West Point, we were integrated by height and that I, at 5’9” was nearly the tallest Cadet in Company A-2. My height made me keenly aware of what mattered:.....Upper Classmen were relentless: ‘Clema, How’s the atmosphere up there? Is it raining?’ or ‘At your height, Clema do you ever get nose bleeds? You occasionally get dizzy up there, don’t you, Clema? You sure act dizzy.”