



James Edward Schall, Jr. Co E-1

South Carolina sent us Jimbo possessed of a dynamic personality and a zest for life that won our highest esteem. He was an active participant in a number of activities, and faithfulness to the pad was another of his distinguishing traits. He will surely find his share of success in the Army.

Born – 27 Aug 1936, Nashville, TN.

To USMA – Came from Aiden, SC. Appointed by South Carolina 2nd. Nickname – “Jimbo”.

Died – 4 Feb 1999 (age 62) at Abingdon, MD. Buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Military Awards – Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Combat Infantryman’s Badge.

Schooling – Two Masters Degrees, Central Michigan University.

Family - Wife – Judy Schall (37 years) – 3 children (James III, Sandra and David) – 6 grandchildren.

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Jim served on active duty in the Army (Artillery) for 14 years, resigning in 1975, with the rank of Major. His first assignment was with 2d Battalion (the S-2), 82d Artillery, a Corporal Missile Battalion in Kitzingen, Germany. He coordinated the arrival of the Honest John Rocket Battalion, replacing the Corporal Battalion. He then served in Vietnam (Advisor with MACV in Go Cong), Ft. Sill, OK (Field Artillery Career Course and Guided Missiles Systems Officer Course), Ft. Ord, CA (Defense Language Institute), Korea (Special Weapons Officer, 2d Battalion, 76th Artillery, I Corps Artillery at Camp St. Barbara), Ft. Bragg, NC (John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center), Ft. Hood (Executive Officer of the 3rd Battalion, 2d Artillery, an Honest John Rocket Battalion), Germany (Battery Commander, 1st Battalion, 81st Artillery, an Operational Pershing Unit in Neu Ulm then U.S. Army Europe Pershing Operational Test Unit in Heidelberg), Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD (Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity). He was a member of the Vulnerability/Lethality Division, the Army’s lead agency for the assessment of conventional ballistic vulnerability and lethality.

After Jim left active duty in the Army he worked as a Civil Service Engineer at the Ballistics Research Laboratory at Aberdeen, MD. His work had significant impact in the area of experimental testing and ballistic range design and development. He was instrumental in the establishment of a ballistic test facility where anti-tank weapons – such as the M829A1 (the “silver bullet” of Desert Storm), 120mm, depleted uranium, long rod penetrator – could be fired and evaluated at ballistic combat ranges. Also during that time, Jim spent one year at the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Research & Advanced Technology, Engineering Technology at the Pentagon. He retired from the Civil Service in 1991. Jim passed away tragically on 4 February 1999, in a fire at his home. He was alone in the house at the time.

Footnote from LIFE Magazine - A feature article on the Plebe Class of 1961 displayed a photograph of Jim and fellow E-1 classmate, Don Couvillion, ball-room dancing together in Cullum Hall during lessons provided by the Arthur Murray Dance School.