



George Martin Cherry, Jr. Co H-1

From the deep South came one of her staunchest supporters. A true Rebel, George was known for his ready smile and quick wit. Delicious cakes from home endeared him to our hearts, but long after they are forgotten. George will be remembered as the little man with the big bottomless heart.

Born – 12 May 1938 in Mississippi.

To USMA – from Natchez, MS. Appointed from Mississippi.

Died – 10 March 2026 (age 87) at Tampa, FL.
Burial – cremated and ashes scattered.

Military Awards – Army Commendation Medal.

Schooling – Master of Business MBA Degree from the University of New Orleans and CPA Certification from the University of Alabama.

Family - Wife – Phylis Cherry (44 years) – one child (Ken) – 4 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren.

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George served on active duty in the Army (Artillery) for 4 years, resigning in 1965 with the rank of Captain. His first assignment was with the 5/562nd Artillery. He then continued to serve in the Alabama National Guard from 1982 for 16 years, retiring in 1998 with the rank of Major. His first assignment on active duty was with the 5/562nd Air Defense Artillery and then served with the U.S. Army Europe in Germany in Air Defense.

After leaving active duty in the Army, George had a successful career in business. He first worked for Chrysler Space Division (Aerospace Engineer on a NASA project), then the University of Alabama (Accountant and part-time Associate Professor), then the City of Tuscaloosa, AL (Manager of the Water and Sewer Department). George passed away on 10 March 2026.

Footnote from George – “I had a hard time understanding why the gentleman who welcomed me in South Area (of West Point) kept explaining in detail that West Point was not a country club. Then I realized it had something to do with the tennis racquet I was carrying. That is when I learned the meaning of ‘IRP’. In the days that followed I learned some other things a small town in the south had not taught me.”