



J.W. Chism Co D-2

After a disagreement with the French Department in 1957, this Mississippi farm boy joined the Class of '61 and received a pair of gold stars for his efforts. Any hell-raising in old D-2 was never complete without J.W. To his classmates, he'll always be remembered for "Chismism," his class theory of political, social, and religious strategy.

Born – 9 June 1935 in Mississippi.

To USMA – from Baldwyn, MS. Nickname – "J.W."

Died – 31 March 2020 (age 84) at North Wildwood, NJ. Buried as Cape May County Veterans Cemetery, Cape May Court House, NJ

Military Awards – 4 Bronze Star Medals, Air Medal, 2 Army Commendation Medals (one with V).

Schooling – Unknown.

Family - Wife – Mary Lou (Touchton) Chism (deceased) – 3 children (Melissa, J.W., Patrick) – 1 grandchild.

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J.W. served on active duty in the Army (Corps of Engineers) for 25 years, retiring in 1983, with the rank of Major. His assignments included Vietnam (1st tour), Fort Belvoir, VA (Advanced Course, The Engineer School, TES), Vietnam (2nd tour - Headquarters, 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Division, RVN), Germany (Headquarters, 2nd Support Command, SUPCOM), Fort Hood, TX (Headquarters, III Corps), Thailand.

After leaving active duty in the Army, J.W. had a successful career engineering administration. He worked in the Engineering Department of the city of Bryan, TX, and then the Texas A&M University Extension Service providing engineering consulting services to all the counties in Texas. He served as an officer for the Texas Association of County Engineers and Road Administration. J.W. passed away on 31 March 2020 from Alzheimer's disease.

Footnote from J.W.'s family – "He was a champion of those who worked for him and with him.....His sayings, known as "Chism-isms" by his classmates at West Point were always on point and are now part of our family's common dialogue. It always brings a smile to everyone's face when they hear them. He will be greatly missed by his family and all who knew him."