



## Col. Jack M. Tumlinson

November 17, 1926 - October 30, 2019

Jack M. Tumlinson (92)

A retired Army Colonel, who was a veteran of World War II, Korea and Vietnam died on October 30, 2019 in Alexandria, VA.

Col. Tumlinson served in the Army for thirty-three years, beginning as a draftee in 1945 during WWII. He retired in 1978 as a Colonel assigned to the Officer Personnel Directorate, Department of the Army.

He received his officer's commission late in WWII and was part of the occupation force in Germany, where he served as an infantry platoon leader in the 1st infantry. There he met and married Julia Craighill Tumlinson.

He later served a tour in Korea as an infantry platoon leader with the 3rd Infantry Division and as Aide de Camp to the Commanding General of the 3rd Infantry Division. Subsequently, he served as a company Commander in the 30th Infantry Regiment and the 327th Airborne Battle Group, 101st Airborne Division.

He returned to Korea in 1963 as Battalion Commander of the 7th Aviation Battalion, 9th Infantry Division. Upon graduation from the Air War College in 1967, his next assignment was as Deputy Director of the Plans Directorate, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Department of the Army.

In 1969, he deployed to Vietnam where he served first as Commanding Officer of the 164th Aviation Group (Combat), next to the Chief of Staff of the 1st Aviation Brigade and then as Deputy Aviation Officer, US Army Vietnam. Following his tour in Vietnam, Col. Tumlinson was assigned to the Officer

Personnel Directorate, Department of the Army, as Chief of Staff of the Aviation Warrant Officer Division.

In 1972, he was assigned as Executive Officer, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Research and Development) Department of the Army. Following attendance at Harvard Advanced Management Program, Col. Tumlinson was assigned as Deputy Director for Distribution, Office Personnel Directorate, Department of the Army, in which capacity he served until he retired from active duty in March 1978.

Following his retirement, Col. Tumlinson, graduated from the George Mason School of Law in 1982 after which he founded the Tumlinson Law Firm. He was admitted to practice before The Supreme Court of Virginia, The United States Courts of Appeals; Fourth Circuit, The United States District Court; Eastern District of Virginia, and The United States Bankruptcy Court; Eastern District of Virginia. He practiced general law until his retirement in 1999.

A graveside service will be held at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

# Cemetery Details

## Arlington National Cemetery

1 Memorial Drive  
Arlington, VA 22211

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall



“ *Col. Jack M. Tumlinson*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *Col. Jack Tumlinson was a patriot and true friend! I got to know Jack through my late brother-in-law Lt. Gen. Billy Thomas, for whom Jack was a true mentor and friend (Jack mentored so many of the Army's finest officers). Jack was the epitome of an Officer and a Gentleman. Always kind and caring, Jack helped so many make fresh starts, in his second career as an attorney. From his service to our nation in World War Two through Korea and Vietnam, Jack served his country with devotion and valor. May God bless the memory of this good and noble man.*

**Ted McConnell** - November 10, 2019 at 08:08 AM



“ *Jack Tumlinson was my friend, mentor and employer for 10 years. He was kind, and a wonderful caring man. He took a chance on me after being home with my little children and was re-entering the work force after an absence of several years. Together we worked, laughed, worked and laughed some more. When things were a little crazy at home and I needed an ear or shoulder to cry on, he was always there to listen and give advice if I asked, but never until I asked. He was a wonderful husband to his wife Julia and I was always impressed by his devotion to her. I will always remember him as a surrogate father as my own dad was not always there for me. I'm so sorry to hear of his passing and look forward to honoring him when that time comes. You were a inspiration to me and I thank you for being my friend. Carol Noesner*

**Carol Noesner** - November 09, 2019 at 04:15 PM