Richard "Bugs" Bugeda

Born:
Monday, August 29, 1938
Cleveland, Ohio

Died:
Wednesday, January 13, 2010
Las Vegas

Memorialized by:

Davis Funeral Home & Memorial Park, Las Vegas, NV

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Biography

RICHARD B. BUGEDA.
Colonel Richard “Bugs” Bugeda, United States Air Force, (Retired), 71, passed away on Jan 13, 2010 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Born Aug 29, 1938 in Cleveland, Ohio to Ben & Mary (Goss) Bugeda. He graduated from Bowling Green State University in Ohio, (ROTC) in 1960 & immediately entered the Air Force receiving his Flight Wings in 1962. A decorated Vietnam Veteran with 110 missions flown in the F-105 as a Wild Weasel earned him the Distinguished Flying Cross and a Bronze Star. A Graduate of the Air Force Command & Staff College in 1972, his assignments included Germany, Spain, Italy, Nellis Air Force Base and The Pentagon. He Commanded the Lucky 313th Tactical Fighter Squadron at Hahn Air Base in Germany & under his command it received the Commander’s Trophy for Best United States Tactical Fighter Squadron in Europe, 1977. After serving 3 years at the Pentagon as Commander of Air Base Survivability & Commander of Check Mate Blue/Team he returned to Europe. He flew the F-5 with the Aggressors in Decimomannu, Sardinia, Italy as the American Detachment Commander on that NATO base. He then served as the Vice Commander of the 406th Wing in Zaragoza, Spain for 2 years before traveling back to Germany to be Vice Commander of 17th Air Force for 2 years. He returned to Nellis Air Force Base & was the Commander of Resource Management until he retired on Aug 31, 1990 after 30 years of service & over 4,000 flying hours in fighter aircraft.

His decorations include 2 Legions of Merit, 2 Distinguished Flying Crosses, Bronze Star, 4 Meritorious Service Medals and many more. Organizations to which he belonged were the Air Force Association, the Order of Daedalians and the Command Bar Stool Association.

After retirement he was very busy organizing golf tournaments, working as a golf marshall & food/beverage manager, private aircraft pilot, avid golfer & enjoyed watching sports. He was preceded in death by his father Ben, mother Mary Goss, brothers Thomas & Michael. He is survived by his mother Helen Bugeda, sisters Carole (Jerry) Miller & Elaine Bugeda of Ohio, son Keith (Shereen), grandchildren Evan & Alex. Former spouses Mary Bittick Gallano & Lynn-Sharon Bugeda all of Las Vegas, Nevada.

Memorial services were held on January 21, 2010 at 12:00pm, at

Davis Funeral Home, located at 6200 S. Eastern Avenue, Las Vegas. Nevada.

In lieu of flowers friends are asked to make a donation to a charity of their choice in Richard's memory.

Images

Bugs with his mom and sister. Bugs, Mary Goss, and Carol - 1943

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