



Earl Dale Wolfgang, Captain, U.S. Navy, Ret.

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Earl Dale Wolfgang, Captain, U.S. Navy, Ret., 74, of Fort Myers, passed away Sunday, October 28, 2018. He was born June 7, 1944 in Salem, OH to Dale Cleland and Pauleen Alice (Bower) Wolfgang. He retired to Fort Myers from Virginia Beach, VA in 1995 after serving for 30 years in the United States Navy attaining the rank of Captain. He was a Naval Aviator and past Commanding Officer of VA-75 Sunday Punchers. Mr. Wolfgang is survived by his wife of 51 years, Susan L. Wolfgang; his siblings: Darlene Belaney (Michael) of Salem, OH and Wayne Wolfgang (Elaine) of Columbiana, OH; his sister-in-law, Debra Lugano (Frank) of Bradenton, FL; his nieces: Brenda Blakely (Chris) of Jackson, NJ, Amy Stoddard (Bob) of Chester, SC, Lisa Yarcusko (Alan) of Brunswick, OH and Christine Kosatka (Len) of Mentor, OH; his nephews: Jared Wolfgang of Somerville, MA, Mark Wolfgang of Cleveland, OH, Robert Gilbert (Christine) of Medina, OH and Michael Gilbert of Lakewood, OH. Mr. Wolfgang will be laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. Local funeral arrangements are under the direction of Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33907, 239-936-0555. Online condolences may be offered at: www.fortmyersmemorial.com.



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GW

Gary B. Wilhelm, Md posted:

I knew Earl when we both were students at Crestview High School just outside of New Waterford, Ohio. He was about 3 years older than me and an excellent athlete. We often sat together on the school bus from New Waterford village to Crestview High School. Crestview was approximately 3 miles west of the village in what had been agricultural fields. Earl always treated me as a friend despite our age gap (which was significant for the time and place). He was a gentleman. I last saw him in the summer of 1965 at a dance at the village Fish & Game Club. He recommended that I ask Wayne Rupert for a summer job as he had worked for Mr. Rupert the preceding summer. The last thing I remember him telling me was that he was joining the US Navy to attend Flight School. I never saw him again. Today (10/09/2023) was the first I knew he had passed away. Earl was an athletic, intelligent and courteous young man. I am not surprised that he was successful as a Naval Aviator.

October 9 at 12:47 PM

HT

Hank "Sock-It" Teommey posted:

I was just a very young junior officer BN in VA-75 during Skipper Wolfgang's tenure as XO and CO. He was an outstanding role model to all us JOs in the squadron. Some of the most fun flights I had were with Skipper Wolfgang at the controls of the A-6. I was honored to serve with him a second time when we were both part of ship's company on the USS America. Rest in Peace Skipper.

February 13 at 3:21 PM

BS

Beth Bob Solik October 15 at 2:52 PM

Hank, this is Bob Solik. We both served under Moblely and Wolfgang. My wife and I were reminiscing our early Navy years and found Skipper Wolfgang's obit. Both Earl and Susan did so much for my wife and me. We were so proud to be a part of their command!!!

TJ

Tex And Shirley Jackson posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you . Tex and Shirley Jackson

November 5 at 10:20 AM

TB

Ted Been posted:

Our deepest sympathies, Susan and family. Having flown with Earl "Baron von Wolfgang" in both VA-42 and VA-34 we naturally became friends. He was a great pilot , Naval Officer, and friend and we enjoyed getting together at the IA reunions. He will be missed and please call us if you get up this way. Hope to continue seeing at the reunions Ted & Jan

November 3 at 9:08 AM



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RP

Ron Pearson posted:

Deepest sympathies on Earl's loss; and at such a young age. Enjoyed serving with him in VA 75 and TACTRAGRULANT! Prayers for you Susan...

November 1 at 3:59 PM

CU

Capt Mike Vogt, Usn, Ret posted:

Fair winds and following seas, Wolf. Fly the ball.

November 1 at 3:50 PM

JM

Jack McGinn posted:

As our XO and CO, Skipper Wolfgang was always leading, a steadying influence when ops got hectic, and always there to get the best out of each and every one of us. Anna and I were glad to spend time with he and Susan this past April at the reunion and our squadron dinner. He will be sorely missed by all of us '82 Kennedy cruise Punchers. God speed Skipper. Jack & Anna McGinn

November 1 at 10:08 AM

DC

Douglas Cline posted:

I was privileged to be Earl's B/N during our first cruise to Vietnam aboard the Kitty Hawk in 1968-69. He was a steely warrior in battle and my good friend back on the deck. He will be missed.

November 1 at 8:47 AM

BB

Butch Bailey posted:

What a great guy! We served together in VA-42 and VA-75. Never a dull moment. You will be missed. We truly enjoyed seeing Earl and Susan at the Intruder Reunion in Norfolk and remembering all our past escapades. Susan, we love you. Butch and Barbara

November 1 at 8:21 AM



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Gary C Wasson posted:

Family: I will always treasure my time with Earl when he was CAG 2 Operations and I was CAG 2 LSO. He became a good friend. We met later, in-flight, by happening, over the Indian Ocean in separate squadron A-6s during an open ocean turnover. I think we were both squadron XOs at the time. Nice memories. Rest in peace Earl. Gary Wasson, CAPT USN (Ret)

November 1 at 4:08 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Earl by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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