

David Drury Sullivan

David Drury Sullivan, 77, of Roanoke Virginia, died on Monday, August 18, 2014.

Dave was born in Newport, Rhode Island on February 8, 1937. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy with the Class of 1959. He completed flight training at Pensacola, Florida, and was designated a naval aviator in March 1961. He served with Air Anti-Submarine Squadron 28 aboard the USS WASP (CVS-18) from 1962-1964. He attended the United States Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, where he received his Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Engineering in June 1966. Following this tour, he flew as a flight instructor with Training Squadron SEVEN in Meridian Mississippi, from 1966-1968. This was followed by a tour as Officer-in-Charge of VSF-1, a fighter detachment, deployed aboard USS Yorktown, in 1968-1969. Following this, Dave was attached to VA-115, an A-6 Intruder Squadron, stationed in Whidbey Island, Washington, and deployed in the Gulf of Tonkin and South China Sea during the Viet Nam War. He was a combat carrier pilot during this period and flew extensive missions in both North and South Viet Nam. Following this tour, he was stationed with Fighter Squadron 43 (Top Gun East) at the Naval Air Station Oceana at Virginia Beach, Virginia and trained carrier-based replacement pilots. Dave retired from the United States Navy in 1979. He held numerous positions after his retirement, including training manager for the Virginian-Pilot and Ledger Star newspaper in Norfolk, Virginia and as Technology Trainer with Roanoke City Public Schools.

He is survived by this son, Timothy Whitman Sullivan of Aguora Hills, California, his two daughters, Karen Sullivan Lane of North Potomac, Maryland, and Jeanne Sullivan Curtis of Virginia Beach, Virginia and his very special friend, Joy Carr of Roanoke. Additionally he is survived by his five grandchildren and his sister, Leslie Richardson of Marshall, North Carolina.

A memorial service is being planned for a later time.

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