

WAYNE EVERETT STEWARD

1937-2015

PARADISE: Wayne Everett Steward, 78, of Paradise, Texas died on Thursday, December 3, 2015 in Plano, Texas, where he was recuperating after a stroke.

Wayne was born in Poplar Bluff, Missouri in 1937 to Everett Leo and Muriel Ruth Chronister Steward. Wayne served as a Navy pilot. He completed his flight training in Pensacola where he was a T-28 flight instructor. He flew the A4E for the remainder of his active duty, which included 131 combat missions in Vietnam. He served aboard the U.S.S. Oriskany and was a member of the Ghost Riders Attack Squadron 164. Wayne received the Air Medal and a Commendation with Valor for his service in Vietnam and achieved the rank of Lieutenant.

After leaving the service, Wayne joined American Airlines. He retired from American Airlines in 1997 after 31 years as a Captain.

Survivors include his wife of 36 years, Jo Beth Steward of Paradise; his daughter, Sarah Steward and husband, Duane Bever, of Dallas, Texas; his sister, Carolyn Lance of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; his brother, Ed Steward and wife, Nina, of Poplar Bluff and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services was held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at Jones Family Funeral Home in Bridgeport, Texas. Marc Moore officiated. Burial is pending at DFW National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, charitable contributions may be made in Wayne's memory to the Grace Fellowship Church Children's Ministry, 118 Honeysuckle, Paradise, TX 76073 or to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, PO Box 1890, Amarillo, TX 79174-0001.

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