



Memorial Service

Captain Bernard H. Plassmeyer
April 24, 1976



Bernard H. Plassmeyer was born 5 May 1945. The fourth son of Monica and Paul Plassmeyer of Westphalia, Mo.

He attended St. Joseph Grade School, Fatima High School, and graduated from Parks College of Aeronautical Technology of St. Louis University in 1966.

He entered the Marine Corps 21 March 1967. He completed Officers' Candidate School and received his commission as a Marine officer 2 June 1967. After graduating from The Basic School, Quantico, Va., on 1 November 1967, he began jet flight training.

Bernard received the wings of a Naval Aviator on 21 March 1969. He was selected to receive The Orville Wright Achievement Award for outstanding performance as a Marine Corps aviator 29 August 1969.

He joined Marine Attack Squadron 311 in Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam, in February of 1970. He had completed approximately 100 missions with VMA-311 at Chu Lai and Da Nang when his A4 crashed during a support mission near the Laotian border, 11 September 1970. He was then placed in a missing in action status; and, since no information indicating his survival has been found, he was listed as dead 7 April 1976.

In addition to achievement awards received during training, Bernard has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with Bronze Numeral 7, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, and the Purple Heart.

He and his wife Carol were married 15 June 1968 and had one son, Bernard W., born 27 September 1970.