



David Ernest Morgan Jr.

February 23, 1925 - September 15, 2017

David E. Morgan, Jr. of Tallahassee, Florida, "slipped the surly bonds of earth" on September 15, 2017. He was born to David Ernest Morgan and Grace Motter Maze Morgan on February 23, 1925, in Whitaker, Pennsylvania (a small Pittsburgh suburb). He spent his life in service to two great loves: family and the US Air Force.

David entered the Army Air Corps Aviation Cadet training program in June 1943 where he graduated as a Flight Officer Pilot in December 1944. He then entered the Army Air Corps Reserve as a Second Lieutenant after mustering out in November 1945. He attended the University of Pittsburg for 18 months, re-enlisted in the Army Air Force, and was a Technical Sergeant in September 1947. He was a part of history in the making when the US Air Force was created in September 1947. He persuaded his college sweetheart, Anna Mary Harr, to come to Orlando, Florida, where they were married on January 20, 1948. He was sent to Japan for the Korean conflict. It was there he was recalled to active duty as a pilot Second Lieutenant in the 344th Troop Carrier Squadron at Tachikawa Air Base in Japan. Ann supported him through the ensuing years as he served as Pilot, Supply Officer, Logistics Officer, and Division Staff Officer. They were stationed in Florida, Georgia, Texas, Japan, Tennessee, Okinawa, Virginia, and back to Florida. While David and Ann enjoyed seeing the world, three children were born at different postings. He spent his first tour in Vietnam supporting Operation Skoshi Tiger. After his return from Vietnam in 1966, David retired from active duty as a Major on

December 31, 1966, with 23 years, 6 months, and 23 days of military service. In September 1967, David entered into Civil Service as a Weapons System Liaison Officer for the F-4 Weapons System. He was sent to Washington, DC to work on the joint weapons committee with the Navy. In June 1968, he went to Vietnam for the second time with the F-4 Wings. Upon returning to the US, he was stationed at Hill AFB in Ogden, Utah, June 1969. David was then transferred to Tactical Air Command in 1970. Over the next years, he served as a civilian Chief of Supply in Louisiana, Alconbury in the United Kingdom, and Sembach in Germany. He was transferred to Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, as a Logistician in Weapons System Development. It was there he retired as a civil servant in February 1987. In all, he amassed 43 years, 6 months, and 10 days of an Air Force career. After his retirement, he and Ann moved to Tallahassee to be close to their oldest child.

David is survived by his wife, Ann, and his three children; Rebecca Lee Lyons, Pat David Morgan (Lou Ann), and Kathy Anne Glasson. He is survived by two siblings, Robert Lee Morgan and Marian Grace Funk. He is predeceased by his parents and two other siblings, Betty Lou Johnson, and Bonita Rae Rugg. He leaves a clan of nine grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and many loving nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. The grandchildren and their families are John Wendell Lyons III (Cynthia Guiritan, son Liam), David Edward Morgan (Jessica Anne Presse, sons Lukas and Caleb, daughter Kathryn), Michael Ryan Morgan (Jessica Anne Smith, daughters Leah and Miranda, son Elijah), William James Morgan, Rachel Ann Doyle (Justin Patrick), Elisabeth Rose Morgan, Nathanael Roderick Morgan (Kathleen Elisabeth Sotelo, son Marcus), Timothy Collins Glasson, and Corey William Glasson.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. at Bevis Funeral Home, 200 John Knox Rd., Tallahassee, with a service beginning at 11:00 a.m. Interment will take place at the Tallahassee National Cemetery with full military honors at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the United Service Organizations (USO).

Scotti Barden of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the Morgan family with their arrangements. (www.bevisfh.com 850-385-2193).

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee National Cemetery

5015 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32311

Previous Events

Burial

SEP 20. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CG

“ I send my deepest sympathy to all of David's family and friends upon the loss of such a wonderful man. His love for and service to his country, his love for his God, and his love for his family all stand as everlasting monuments to a "life well lived." I know we will all miss his presence, quick smile, and caring personality for the rest of our lives. May God bless and comfort you all during this trying times.

Carl Garrison
Thermopolis, WY

cr garrison - October 08, 2017 at 07:17 PM

AH

“ To the family and friends of David, It has been years since I have seen any of my cousins on my Mothers side of the family. She was Gloria Gene Maze Mullen . Her parents were Henrietta and George Maze of Whitaker. We used to go to Betty and Hoffers for summer visits and over to David and Anns home. I liked when we went to the beach for cook outs and swimming. We always had a great time. I talk to Marian on Facebook and she keeps me informed of all the going on's. Anna you have my sympathy and your family will comfort you in the coming days. Sincerely, Allyson Mullen Horner of Somerset, Pa.

Allyson Horner - September 19, 2017 at 08:35 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of David Ernest Morgan Jr..



September 19, 2017 at 03:00 PM

PA

“ Honored to have known David for a few decades, though his son, Pat & family..all through our Air Force connections. His military service, family legacy and constant smile all have an enduring impact. David will be surely missed, but most certainly by your bride Annie, your children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and friends.

With love,
The Alicea family.

Pepe & Marta Alicea - September 18, 2017 at 08:44 PM

DJ

“ I wish with all my heart that I could be with you all now. However, when I consulted with my doctor, he regretfully said he felt I should not travel so far from home. I am thinking of you every moment of every day and I hope David knows, too, that I am there in spirit if not in the flesh. We all had some very good times together and it is so sad that many good memories can't still continue to be made. When we do see each other the next time, I think David will be with us too.

Love to you, Ann, and all of your family.

DJ

Dottie Jean - September 18, 2017 at 06:12 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of David Ernest Morgan Jr..



September 18, 2017 at 09:51 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of David Ernest Morgan Jr..*



September 17, 2017 at 07:47 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Ernest Morgan Jr..*



September 17, 2017 at 06:40 PM



“ *Dear Aunt Ann, Cousin Becky, and family - my heart goes out to you. While my mother lived, Uncle David called her every Saturday. That was so important to her and I will always have that memory; part of him lives on. Please accept that small token of comfort. from Bonnie Beth*



Bonnie Gender - September 17, 2017 at 11:08 AM