
Donald D. Henry(1941 - 2017)**Henry, Donald D.**

Colonel Donald D. Henry (Ret.) passed away unexpectedly June 16, 2017 surrounded by family. He was born May 27, 1941, to Benton and Faye (Davis) Henry. He graduated from [Indiana University](#) with a commission as a Second Lieutenant. He attended F-105 "Thunderchief" fighter pilot school and reported to the 67th Fighter Squadron, Okinawa. During Vietnam he flew out of Thailand on 129 combat missions into Laos and North Vietnam - earning the Silver Star and three Distinguished Flying Crosses. He returned to the U.S. as a test pilot in the F-105 and F-111 and also flew the F-4, A-7, F-16, Saberliner, and Learjet. Don's assignments included the Pentagon, Commander of the 55th Tactical Fighter Squadron in England, and several flight test organizations evaluating fighter aircraft avionics, electronic warfare systems, and cruise missiles. After completing his active duty, he consulted to the Pentagon and several aerospace companies, moved to Laguna Beach, California, and became a realtor and an author. April 14, 2003, he married the love of his life and college sweetheart, the former Dixie Clark of Elwood, Indiana. Additional survivors include his step-children, Heidi Huffman (Bill) of Escondido, California, and Jensen Rufe (Andrea) of Los Angeles; his sisters, Sally Mecklenburg (Paul) of Brownsburg, Indiana; Susan Sassic (Peter) of Peachtree City, Georgia; Jeanne Coleman of Houston, Texas; and ten nieces and nephews. His family and friends will miss his wit, intelligence, and devotion. Interment with Honor Guard will be at Miramar National Cemetery in San Diego July 5th from 1-1:30pm.



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