



## Frederick Dawson Holloway

June 14, 1946 - February 22, 2021

A highly-decorated Vietnam combat veteran died Feb. 22, 2021, from injuries sustained in a single-engine airplane crash in Cullman, AL.

Frederick “Noah” Dawson Holloway, was born June 14, 1946, Aliquippa, Pennsylvania to Orion Dawson and Mary Dawson-Westphal and later adopted by Ray and Edith Holloway.

Fred graduated from Virden Community High School (VCHS), located in central Illinois, in 1964. He was Vice-President of his Junior Class and Student Council President his senior year. Fred was on the VCHS Track team all four years, Co-Captain of the VCHS football team his junior and senior years, and All-Conference football team his senior year.

He attended the University of Illinois on a football scholarship and earned a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Arts degree in 1968. He is a member of Delta Chi fraternity.

Second Lieutenant Holloway was commissioned in 1968 through the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the University of Illinois, Champaign.

Fred’s military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Ranger

School, Military Advisor Training Academy (MATA) to prepare him for his leadership role working with ARVN South Vietnamese Army troops, Defense Language Institute learning Vietnamese, Special Forces Operator Course, and Airborne School.

Captain Holloway's decorations and awards include Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnamese Service Medal with 4 Bronze Service Stars, Republic of Vietnam (RVN) Gallantry Cross with Palm, Armed Forces Honor Medal 1st class, Overseas Service Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam (RVN) Campaign Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Master Halo Parachutist Wings, Parachutist Wings, Special Forces Tab, Ranger Tab, and the Expert Marksmanship Badge. (Oak leaf clusters attached to military decorations indicate multiple awards.) Captain Holloway served two tours in Vietnam and Indochina. His fourth injury resulted in a full medical discharge.

First Lieutenant Holloway wrote in a letter to his family while recovering from his combat injuries, "You have never lived until you have almost died". He truly LIVED life after serving in Vietnam pursuing his passion for aviation, a family hallmark.

Fred's father, Ray Holloway, flew fighters in World War II and his uncle, Henry Holloway, was killed in action defending England in a B-17. Fred, as a flight instructor, launched his nephew's career as a Marine fighter pilot then as a commercial airline pilot at United. Fred's grandson, Kannon Richter, will soon be commissioned with a career in Army aviation.

Fred was a commercial pilot with instrument, multi engine, and certified flight instructor ratings. He began his flying career in 1964 and acquired 6058.9 flying hours. He lived to fly and died doing what he loved most.

He didn't let his Army Parachutists Wings gather dust. He actively jumped out of airplanes at Skydive East Texas and Skydive Alabama.

Fred was a devout Christian. He was baptized and grew up in the Lutheran Church, Girard, IL. He and his wife, Diane Freeman Holloway, are members of the First Baptist Church in Cullman, Alabama.

(a) Family members from biological parents:

preceded in death by parents Orion Dawson and Mary Dawson Westphal; siblings Nelson Westphal, Julius Westphal, and Sherry Olsen. Survivors include sisters Theresa Powell, Sandra Westphal, Michelle Schneider, Robin Fielder, and brother Frank Westphal J.

(b) Family members from adopted parents as well as his first wife and high school sweetheart Sheryll Holloway. He was preceded in death by parents Ray and Edith Holloway; granddaughter Kristi Higgs. Survivors include four daughters Traci Richter (Steve) of Jackson Springs, NC, Tara McSwain (Chris) of Tyler, TX, Tori Huffman (Rod) of Whitehouse, TX, and Tiffany Lynn Adcock (Scott) of Longview, TX; 12 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; sisters Doris Dingee, Raynee Lester; stepbrother Richard Draker; stepsister Cindy Draker Welch

(c) Family members with second wife Susan Holloway include stepdaughter Mary Ferruzza; one step-granddaughter, one-step grandson.

(d) Family members with his current wife Diane Freeman Holloway include stepson Joshua Freeman (Aubrey) of Huntsville AL; three step-granddaughters; two step-grandsons.

(e) Fred was preceded in death by his service dog Major.

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#### Funeral and memorial Information

Arrangements have been made to have Fred buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, August 11, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. eastern time.

Arlington National Cemetery  
1 Memorial Avenue  
Arlington, VA 22211

# Cemetery Details

## Arlington National Cemetery

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# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

AUG 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Frederick Dawson Holloway.*



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August 06, 2022 at 10:12 PM



“ *Grandpa Fred even tho you weren't my grandpa by blood you did alot more then my real ones did and were always there for me and my family whenever, and for that I am forever great full Im going to miss you so much and i know a lot of other people will too like your crazy story's (he was a really good story teller), i'll miss you deeply grandpa<3 I love you❤️*



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**Nikki** - June 28, 2022 at 07:29 AM



*He had a special place in his heart for you Nicknack! Hugs 🤗*

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**Traci Richter** - August 13, 2022 at 07:29 PM

PM

“ You meant the world to me! I often speak of you and Traci to friends. You were very good to me. Thanks for never giving up on me when I was little and including me with your family. It's people like yourself who helped mold this small town girl for great successes.

*I'm gonna miss getting all your beautiful pictures.*

*RIP wonderful man, give major dog a pat on the head for me!* ❤️❤️



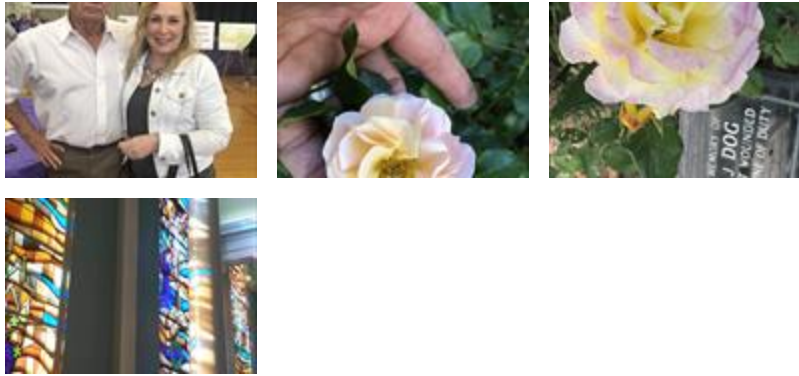
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**Patty McClain** - March 14, 2021 at 11:53 PM

PM

“ You meant the world to me. I often speak of you and Traci to friends. You were very good to me, when others weren't. I was blessed with wonderful parents who loved me. I knew that. Thanks for never giving up on me when I was little and including me with your family. It's people like yourself who helped mold this small town girl for great successes.

I'll miss getting your beautiful pictures!  
RIP, my wonderful friend! You will be greatly missed. Please give major dog a pat on the head for me! ❤️



Patty McClain - March 14, 2021 at 11:43 PM

TO

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



tom - March 01, 2021 at 10:14 AM

TO

Folks, here is what an American hero looks like. Thank you Noah.

tom - March 01, 2021 at 06:26 PM

MS

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Michelle Schneider** - February 26, 2021 at 10:57 AM

RA

“ Miss him already. My prayers are with all of you ❤️

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**Raynee** - February 25, 2021 at 03:33 PM

BM

*Tracy I just spoke with your father days ago when he took Diane to have her nails done. I can be reached at [manginaben@Yahoo.com](mailto:manginaben@Yahoo.com) or [georgiabengeorgia@gmail.com](mailto:georgiabengeorgia@gmail.com)  
I am in the Republic of Georgia +995 591 67 61 60  
If you send your phone number I would like to talk with you. It couldn't have been 5 days ago when we spoke on messenger.  
My Sincere Condolances to your Family  
Ben Mangina.*

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**Ben Mangina** - February 27, 2021 at 03:27 AM

TB

*Condolences and prayers sent for Noah and to all his family. I never had the privilege of meeting him. We spoke several times about his airplane as I was considering purchase. We spoke more though about family, hobbies, and adventure. Through this, I did get to know him. Noah was a fine man, a true American hero, and someone I wish I could have had the opportunity to know better. May God comfort you all in this loss.*

*As all pilots say, "a friend has flown west, tis a trip we all must make for our final check".*

*God Bless you Noah Holloway. Thank you for your service to our country. It is a GREAT country because of men like you.*

*Rest in peace.*

*Regards,  
Tom Bishop*

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**tom bishop** - February 27, 2021 at 12:54 PM