

MacALLISTER, Steven Carl



56, of Crested Butte, CO, formerly of Safety Harbor and Tampa passed away January 16, 2008 of complications from several abdominal surgeries associated with non-metastatic colon cancer. After graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1973, Mr. MacAllister was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. His first assignment in the Marine Corps was to Quantico, Virginia where he was an honor graduate of the Infantry Platoon Commanders course at the Basic School. Mr. MacAllister was subsequently assigned to the U.S. Naval Flight School at Pensacola, FL. During flight school, Mr. MacAllister was awarded a Master of Science degree from the University of West FL for his participation in the redesign of the Naval Flight School Training syllabus. After receiving his Wings of Gold, Mr. MacAllister was assigned to Marine Attack Squadron 311, El Toro, CA, flying the single seat A4M attack fighter and performing the duties of Intelligence Officer. In 1980, Mr. MacAllister was hired by Eastern Air Lines and assigned to Miami, FL where he flew the B727, DC-9, and B757 aircraft. In 1988, Mr. MacAllister resigned from Eastern Air Lines to continue his aviation career with USAirways. Mr. MacAllister retired from USAirways several years ago to spend more time with his beloved family and pursue his many eclectic interests including home remodeling, music, writing, hiking and riding his Harley.

For those of us who had the honor of calling Steve father, son, uncle, or friend, our loss is inestimable. Our lives have been immeasurably enriched by our time with him. Steve's life has left an indelible mark in the hearts of those who were privileged to know this man of immense integrity, loyalty, and faith. His charm, humor, and intellect will forever bring smiles to our hearts. Steve resided in the Bay area until 2006 when the beauty of the mountains of Crested Butte, CO called him home. These magnificent mountains, which he loved so dearly, will be his final resting place. They will forever symbolize the dignity and beauty of Steve's life.

Mr. MacAllister was preceded in death by his son and talented musician, David, 17. After his son David's death, Mr. MacAllister created a state of the art sound studio at Calvary Christian High School, Clearwater, FL to encourage the advancement of music in the lives of young musicians. He is survived by his parents, Jack and Marilyn MacAllister; siblings, James and Sue MacAllister all of Crested Butte; four daughters, Brande Kristell Hala~~57~~ and Carly MacAllister of San Diego, Kelly MacAllister of Clearwater, and Allyssa MacAllister of Tampa. For those who might wish to honor Steve's life; a music scholarship, created to benefit talented young musicians, was started at Western State College, 600 N. Adams St., Gunnison, CO 81231. Donations may be made to the "David and Steve MacAllister Music Scholarship" at the aforementioned address.

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