

Davis, William R.

William R. Davis passed away on June 12, 2015 in Albuquerque. He was born on June 18, 1932 with his twin brother, Doctor T. A. Davis, in Las Cruces to Mary and Rockwell A. Davis (both deceased).

Davis graduated from Las Cruces High School in 1950, playing football and participating in the band. In 1956, he earned a Civil Engineering Degree from New Mexico State. Davis was active in student government, ROTC, band, and the TKE Fraternity. After graduation, he earned an "Officers" commission in the US Air Force.

He soon married Shirley Trimble of TorC, NM. One of Davis' favorite stories was the day he met Shirley, on a blind date. He was so taken with her that he told her "Don't forget my name. You're going to marry me someday".

The couple has three children, Mark, Leigh and Nadine. All three attended UNM. Davis leaves behind four grandchildren, Ryan, Cory, Shawna and Arlo.

In 1956, Davis was assigned



to McChord AFB, WA for fighter operations. Further fighter operation assignments were in Germany, Maine, New York, and Kansas. After completion of the Wild Weasel, F-105, training in Las Vegas, NV, Davis completed two combat tours in Vietnam.

During his senior years of his Air Force career, he was assigned to the Pentagon followed by an assignment at Kirtland AFB in Albuquerque. During his 30 year Air Force career, Colonel Davis earned many honors which include: three Distinguished Flying Crosses, 11 Air Medals, the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star.

After earning a Master's Degree, he began his civilian career with the Defense Contractors in Albuquerque, NM and Johnstown, PA. Finally he settled down in Silver City and Albuquerque, NM.

The family will have a casual gathering on June 18th from 5:30 - 6:30 pm to celebrate the life of William R. Davis. Family and friends, please join us at 8709 Tia Christina NW in Alb.