

CAPTAIN EDDY PAUL DRAKE

Captain Eddy Drake was a great friend, Evil 8 Squadron member and Class of '73 Cadet. Eddy always greeted you with a smile and made your day a little more enjoyable and memorable.

With a strong leadership style, Eddy was selected as the winter CS-08 Squadron Commander. Eddy lived life to the fullest and often encouraged others to join him on adventures including ski weekends and road trips.

After graduation, Eddy completed pilot training at Vance AFB. He was assigned to the OV-10 Bronco with assignments in Thailand and Bergstrom AFB.

Capt Eddy Drake is deeply missed by all that knew him. An obituary from the Sioux City Journal dated May 29, 1977 follows:

First Lt Eddy Drake

DENISON, Iowa- First Lt Eddy Drake 26, of Austin, TX, formerly of Buck Grove, died Saturday in a military plane crash at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho.

Services will be at 3pm Thursday in the First Methodist Church in Denison with Rev Byron Surface officiating. Burial will be in the Dow City Cemetery under the direction of the Maxwell Funeral Home, Denison.

Lt Drake was killed while on a military training mission. He was stationed at Austin, TX.

Lt Drake was born July 4, 1950 at Dexter. He married Linda Lawing Dec 31, 1975. He was graduated from the Denison High School in 1968, where he was the Captain of the football team and enlisted in the Air Force following his graduation. He attended the US Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO.

Survivors include his widow; parents, Mr and Mrs Lawrence Drake of Thermopolis, WY; brothers, Steven and Daniel, both of Denison, and David, who is with the US Navy; sisters, Mrs Sally Rutz of Ames, Mrs Mary Lee and Mrs Julie Gerorguis, both of Ritno, WY.



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Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth
And danced the skies on laughter-lubricated wings.

EDDY PAUL DRAKE

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