

Colonel David Charles Allard, USAF retired, passed away at age 75 on December 14, 2020 in Fairfax, VA. Loving husband of Sandra C (Simmons) Allard for 51 years and daughters Christine Marie Russell (Tyler Timberlake Russell) of Montgomery, TX, and Cathlene Allard Ovadia (David Alexander Ovadia) of Washington, DC. Born 14 October, 1945 in Memphis, TN to Mary Lou (Norris) and Col. Charles Arthur Allard (USAF Ret), he grew up in Biloxi, MS; Livermore, CA; Ankara, Turkey; Alexandria, VA; and Mountain Home, ID, where he graduated from high school.

A graduate of the US Air Force Academy with a BS Degree in Engineering Sciences, Dave was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant with the Class of 1968. The following year he earned his pilot wings at Craig AFB, AL, and married Sandra in Alexandria, VA, one week later.

Following graduation and B-52 Combat Crew Training, Dave was assigned to Mather AFB, CA, where he served as a B-52 pilot, aircraft commander, instructor, and aircrew standardization evaluator. During four overseas deployments, he completed 162 B-52 combat missions in support of operations in Southeast Asia.

Selected for the Air Force Institute of Technology graduate school in residence, Dave earned a MS in International Logistics Management from AFIT and a MA in Business Management from Central Michigan University.

After graduate school, Dave began a series of career broadening staff assignments including F-16 program manager for the European Participating Government's co-production program, Director of Plans, International Logistics Center, AFLC HQ; AF Logistics Officer, C-12 Operations Officer and Chief, Training Branch, Joint US Military Assistance Group, Philippines; Chief, Logistics Plans Division and Executive Officer for the Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics Headquarters, Strategic Air Command. In 1991, the Defense Intelligence Agency and Air Force Chief of Staff selected Dave as the Air Force Attaché to the US Embassy, Brasilia, Brazil, (and Command Pilot for the AF C-12), with a follow-on assignment as the Air Force Attaché to the US Embassy, Lisbon, Portugal. Unfortunately, the Portugal assignment had to be cancelled as Dave's predecessor was sent home mid-tour and had to be replaced at a time when Dave was still needed in Brazil. He then served one year as the Wing Chief of Staff at K I Sawyer AFB, MI, where he assisted with base closure activities. In 1998, Dave retired as Deputy Executive Director, Resources, Planning, and Performance Division and as Chief, Workforce Development for the Defense Logistics Support Command, Defense Logistics Agency, Ft. Belvoir. After retirement he worked with a local defense contractor developing solutions to anticipated Y2K problems for two years.

In early 2000, Dave fully retired to devote himself to family, friends, and volunteer work. Dave volunteered for TJHSST in many capacities, for the National Capital Area Rowing Association in support of high school crew meets, as a Docent at Udvar Hazy Center of the Air and Space Museum, in various positions at Clifton Presbyterian Church, and with the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Dave was a life member of the US Air Force Academy Association of Graduates, the Air Force Association, the Daedalians Order of Military Pilots, the Military Officers Association of America, Sigma Iota Epsilon Honorary Fraternity, Chi Gamma Iota Scholastic Honor Society, and, was a member of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Colonel Allard logged more than 4,200 flying hours in his career. His decorations include: The Defense Superior Service Medal; the Distinguished Flying Cross; the Defense Meritorious Service Medal; the Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster; the Air Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters; the Joint Service Commendation Medal; the Air Force Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster; the Air Force Achievement Medal; and the Brazilian Medalha do Merito do Santo Dumont.

Colonel Allard will be laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery, with full military honors, in 2021, at a date to be determined.