



VALMORE WILLIAM BOURQUE

Class of 1960

6th Squadron

Valmore William Bourque was killed on 24 October 1964 when his C-123 was hit by hostile fire and crashed in Vietnam. Val was the first graduate to die in combat. Although he graduated with the "Class of 1960," he entered the Academy with the Class of 1959.



LEON F. MOLINELLI

Class of 1960

3rd Squadron

Leon F. Molinelli died on 3 July 1993 in Novato, California of lung cancer. "Mo" also graduated with the Class of 1960, but entered the Academy with the Class of 1959.

Our thoughts and prayers also go out to the families of the Air Training Officers, Staff, Faculty and Friends of the Class of 1959 who have died during this period. We remember and miss them all!

One More Roll

We toast our hearty Comrades
Who have fallen from the skies,
And were gently caught by God's own hands
To be with Him on high.

To dwell among the soaring clouds
They've known so well before,
From victory roll to tail chase
At Heaven's very door.

As we fly among them there
We're sure to hear their plea,
Take care my friend, watch your six,
And do one more roll for me.

Commander Jerry Coffee, in Hanoi, 1968

Lord Guard And Guide The Men Who Fly

Lord guard and guide the men who fly
Through the great spaces of the sky;
Be with them traversing the air
In darkening storms or sunshine fair.

You who support with tender might
The balanced birds in all their flight,
Lord of the tempered winds, be near,
That, having you, they know no fear.

Control their minds with instinct fit
Where'er, adventuring they quit
The firm security of land;
Grant steadfast eye and skillful hand.

Aloft in solitudes of space,
Uphold them with your saving grace.
O God, protect the men who fly
Through lonely ways beneath the sky. Amen.