



## Remembering our brothers who have passed from this life

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### **DUTTON, RICHARD ALLEN JR. '47**

Born April 24, 1930 in Chicago. Died December 12, 1999.

Attended Augusta Military Academy, graduating in 1947. In 1951, he received a degree in Industrial Engineering from Georgia Tech, where he was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity. His father, Ralph Dutton, an Army officer, graduated from Georgia Tech 25 years earlier. His mother was Geraldine Reynolds.

Dick was commissioned into the Air Force through the ROTC. While he was in the Air Force, he flew F-86s, F-100s and F-105s. In November of 1967, he was shot down over North Vietnam and was held captive until his release in March 1973. After spending a year at the National War College in Washington, D.C., he was assigned to Hurlburt Field as the Deputy Commander of Maintenance and later became the Commandant of The Special Operations School.

He owned Niceville (FL) Paint and Decorating for many years. He had a deep love of fishing and touted the fact that he was an equal opportunity fisherman! As a member of the Ft. Walton Sailfish Club, he served on the board as the Treasurer for 8 years. He was the owner of the Fish Tale – a 34' Striker – his pride and joy! Over the years, he received many awards for his catches – especially tag & release. He also enjoyed the challenge of using a light-weight line in catching "the big ones"! Shortly before his death, he was awarded the International Game Fish Association Elwood K. Harry Fellowship Award by the Sailfish Club in recognition of his commitment to fishing.

He was a member of several organizations including Daedalians, Am Vets, Sons of the American Revolution, and the Air Commando Assn. He served as a board member and treasurer of the Special Operations Warrior Foundation. In the later years of his life, he enjoyed finding his roots through genealogy. His wife, Jean, to whom he was married for almost 40 years, remains in the Ft Walton area. They had two children – Diana & Russell. Diana and her husband live in Phoenix, AZ. Russell is in the Army and stationed at Ft. Irwin, CA. He is married and has two daughters.

(Bio data by Jean Dutton.)

Attended Augusta for five years: Platoon Sergeant, Band; Basketball and Tennis.