

2nd Squadron and the Class of 1973 lost one of its own, with the sudden loss of Robert P. (Bob) Summers (Brig General USAF Ret). Bob died with his family at his bedside on 22 June 2018. Bob was not only my classmate, but my brother-in-law, whom I loved and respected dearly. I remember the first day at the end of BCT in 1969, when we as his squadron mates first met Bob, never imagining where that would lead 49 years later! There were many great memories of our times at the USAFA with Bob, from all the crazy stuff of 4th class year to 100 night as seniors when we flooded the shower stall and took that amazing photo! We all lived through those experiences TOGETHER, creating a lifelong bond that is remarkable and one I am grateful to have experienced. I know many of my classmates have individual stories of Bob that they will share in the coming months, and at our 45th reunion we will toast our fallen comrade. My story is the one that transcends the Academy and goes beyond. It is about being part of an awesome and loving extended family who raised such a fine person and who placed others first with a strong love of God and country. Bob was a remarkable person: Missile Group Commander, Missile Wing Commander, loving family man and a leader in his community, and above all a solid Christian who openly lived that life! I salute you Sir!

In lieu of flowers, please send donations in his memory to North Kitsap Fishline via their website at www.nkfishline.org or via mail to PO Box 1517, Poulsbo, WA 98370.

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