

## **Captain Timothy Joseph McAllister, USAFA '73, Cadet Squadron 07**

Born: March 20, 1951; Died: September 7, 1979

Timothy Joseph McAllister was the first-born son of parents, M. Bernadette and Edward C. McAllister of Baltimore, Maryland. Tim enjoyed a childhood filled with swim team, recreational sports and academics with his two younger brothers: Michael F. McAllister and Patrick T. McAllister (deceased).

During his high school years, Tim excelled academically at Mount Saint Joseph High School (Baltimore) and was editor of the school's literary magazine. In addition, he was a talented, self-taught guitarist, who composed music, sang and performed. A regular member of the folk group at St. Mark Catholic Church, Catonsville, Maryland, he wrote two hymns of sacred music that were published in 1969 by World Library of Sacred Music: [We've Been to the Mountain](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZfSivWxZeiQ) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZfSivWxZeiQ>) and Oh, Lord, Give Us Light. These hymns were reproduced for many years in seasonal Catholic hymnals.

From childhood, Tim had a passion for airplanes and a deep desire to fly. His appointment to the 1973 class of the United States Air Force Academy fulfilled a childhood dream. Excellent academics and strong leadership were hallmarks of his Academy years. Upon his USAFA graduation, Tim married his high school sweetheart, Mary Lee Parr, and began a year of pilot training at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. There he finished number four in his class and earned a C-9 slot to Clark AB, Republic of the Philippines. This assignment from 1974-1976 was followed by a stateside C-9 assignment at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois from 1976-1979. During both of these tours, Tim also performed in local talent shows and lead sacred folk music at the base chapels.

While at Scott Air Force Base in late 1978, Tim was diagnosed with stomach cancer. This led to his death on September 7, 1979. He was survived by his wife of six years, Mary Lee Parr McAllister and daughter, Katharine Lee McAllister (born March 18, 1976). He is buried at the USAFA cemetery.