

Carl Joseph Aglio



Lieutenant Colonel Carl J. Aglio, USAF (Ret.), of Mesa, AZ, passed away on 9 March 2017 from complications after suffering a spinal cord injury six months earlier. He was 79 years old.

Carl was born on 25 June 1937 in California, PA, the son of Anthony and Josephine Aglio. He graduated from Charleroi High School and entered the Naval Academy in 1955 as a football recruit. Upon graduating in May 1960, he received his commission as a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force and promptly reported to flight

school.

Carl's initial assignment was flying the F-102 with the 4756th Air Defense Wing out of Tyndall AFB, FL, where he participated in the Cuban Missile Crisis alerts. He then transitioned to the F-101 and flew with the 62nd Fighter Interceptor Squadron out of K.I. Sawyer AFB, MI. Carl then served as a general's aide with a NATO posting to Vicenza, Italy. Reporting for duty in the Republic of South Vietnam in 1968, Carl flew over 250 combat missions as a FAC(A) in the O-1 and O-2 with the 21st TASS and 504th TASG. Returning from Vietnam, he assumed flight instructor duty at Reese AFB, TX, and Williams AFB, AZ. He finished his 20-year Air Force career as commanding officer of the 21st Air Division, Hancock Field AB, NY. His decorations included the Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, two Meritorious Service Medals and 11 Air Medals.

Upon retiring from the Air Force in 1980, Carl settled in Mesa, AZ, and pursued a second career of 27 years with McDonnell Douglas/Boeing as an engineer and program manager producing the AH-64 Apache helicopter.

Carl was preceded in death by his daughter, Lisa Rush, and granddaughter, Adrianna Rush of Littleton, CO. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Patricia (Pasquerell), formerly of Clairton, PA; sons, David Aglio (Tracy) of Earlysville, VA, Carl Aglio (Deborah) of Slippery Rock, PA, and Michael Aglio of Fort Worth, TX; daughters, Dana Levenda (Michael) of Milford, MI, and Anne Marie Bishop (Douglas) of Buckeye, AZ; son-in-law, William Rush of Littleton, CO; and grandchildren, Marissa, James, Joshua, Kira, Matthew, Rhys, David, Nathaniel, Julia, Isabella, Abigail, Giuliana, Gianna and Carly.

November-December 2017 Shipmate