

## **David Slagle Gilbreath**

David Slagle Gilbreath's last walk ended just short of home on Wednesday June 24th, 2015, in his 76th year.

David's walk through life was rich. Born and raised in Indiana. Engineering graduate of the US Naval Academy in 1960 and from the Naval Postgraduate School in 1967. Pilot with 1000's of hours in A4 and A6 jets from multiple floating runways in many seas. Engineering and Physics Instructor at the US Naval Academy and New Mexico Military Institute.

Married to Shirley Ringgenberg in Bloomington, Indiana, in 1963. Dad to Ann, Mark (Ellie), and Kay (Kevin), and Grandpa to Samantha Srinivasan, Hailey and Sydney Dodson and Tallulah and Luc Gilbreath.

Our husband, father, grandfather was an officer and a gentleman, periodically the joker and often the sober observer. He loved the outdoors as camper, skier, fisherman, photographer and hiker (with his stride to the measure of a song). He was an ardent reader and a political historian. He was a practiced craftsman and leaves a home filled with woodwork. He had a competitive spirit and brought it to his tennis, ping pong, scrabble and dinner table debates. He was a man of great honor, and we miss him.

"If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away." - Henry David Thoreau

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