

LYNN ALLEN HALE



Lynn A. Hale died at home in Tucson, AZ on January 23, 2012, after courageously contending with prostate cancer for 19 years. He was 74 years old.

Lynn was from Riverside, CA, and entered the Naval Academy from the fleet, following his freshman year at the University of California.

Upon graduation, Lynn was commissioned in the Marine Corps. He served from 1960 to 1968, first as an Infantry Officer, then a Naval Aviator. He flew 130 combat missions in the Douglas A4 Skyhawk, VMA 223, operating from the Marines' expeditionary airfield at Chu Lai. At 0200 hours on the night of June 16, 1966, he led a flight launched off the Hot Pad. Twenty-one Marines were surrounded by a huge number of the enemy on Hill 488, Quang Tin

Province. Under extremely challenging flight conditions, Lynn was able to accurately place his ordnance, assisting in the survival of every Marine on the hill. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism under enemy fire and additionally awarded seven Air Medals for his other combat flights.

After leaving the Corps, Lynn became an Air Line Pilot, flying for Trans World Airlines until 1989. Lynn then began his pursuit of spiritual concepts. He entered the Unity Ministerial Education Program in 1994 and was ordained a Unity Minister in 1996. He served the Unity Church on Cape Cod, MA for four years, then the Unity Church in Chattanooga, TN. Lynn retired from the ministry in 2002.

Lynn is survived by his wife, Ann. They celebrated 28 years of a loving relationship. Lynn and Ann had a blended family of eight children; Dianne, Richard, Katherine, Anthony, Victoria, Julie, Michael and Michelle; fourteen grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Lynn's surviving brothers are Lee and Sandy. He was preceded in death by his brother, Richard.

The Hale Family