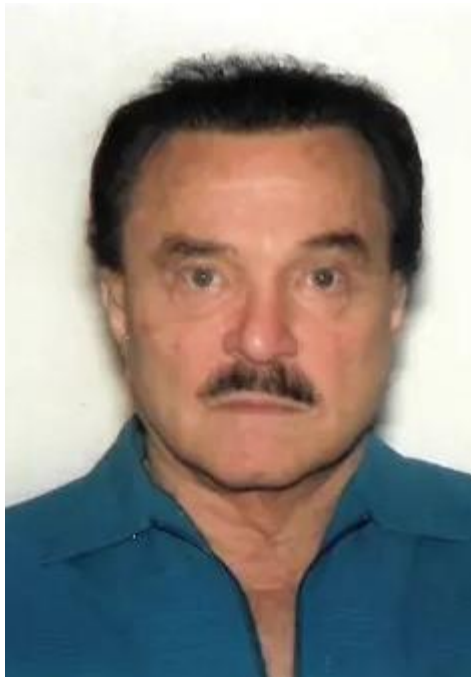




The Obituary for Captain Dave Beall has been received from Golden Eagles member Sharyn Finnegan. The obituary is posted below, and is posted subsequent to the issuance of the Gone West notice for Captain Beall issued on November 16, 2024.



**Captain David T. Beall**

September 25, 1941 - November 16, 2024

David T. Beall was born on September 25, 1941 the oldest son of Otha T. and Violet H. Beall. passed away November 16th, 2024. He was the first in his family to graduate from high school. Upon graduation he worked his way through college graduating from the University of Central Arkansas. Shortly after graduation David joined the United States Navy and entered the Naval Aviation flight program in Pensacola, Florida. Ensign David Beall received his wings in 1965 and was assigned to Helicopter Combat Squadron One in San Diego, California. HC-1 was the oldest combat search and rescue squadron in the Navy. The squadrons motto, "So That Others May Live".

David deployed to Southeast Asia in support of the Vietnam War aboard the USS Ranger CVA 61 as a combat search and rescue pilot. Upon the return of his first deployment, LTJG Beall trained new pilots and provided logistical support off the Southern California coast. LTJG Beall was assigned collateral duty as

the Hand-to-Hand Combat Instructor. Towards the end of his tour in HC-1, he was selected to represent the Eleventh Naval District in a 30-day escape and evasion exercise on the Island of Formosa, where he was one of the few that successfully completed the assignment.

Upon completing his tour in HC-1, LT Beall was assigned to NAS Ellyson Field in Pensacola, Florida as a flight instructor. Completing his tour as flight instructor, in February, 1969 David returned to civilian life, became a Texas Ranger and then joined Continental Airlines where he was rated and flew the DC-4, DC-6, DC-7, then rapidly advanced to captain of a DC-9, the Boeing 727, and the MD 80. After serving 41 years traveling domestically and to foreign countries as an airline pilot, David retired and moved to Hot Springs, Arkansas where he and his devoted wife, Linda Beall, built their dream home on Lake Hamilton.

David loved to spend time on Lake Hamilton playing cards and dominos with his friends. David always had a soft spot for his furry little friends (cats), treating each and every one like a valued family member. He is survived by his lovely wife of over 49 years, and his 2 Cats, Foxy and Mouse.

In lieu of flowers, Linda requests that you donate to Crazy About Cats, 407 Pine Meadows Loop, Hot Springs, AR 71901, [www.crazyaboutcats.org](http://www.crazyaboutcats.org).



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