



David Baird Sussman

March 26, 1934 - March 9, 2021

Lieutenant Colonel David B. Sussman, United States Air Force (retired), died of lymphoma at Heron Point on March 9th. He was born March 26, 1934 in Elizabeth, New Jersey to the late Esther and Rudolph Sussman.

David attended Pittsburgh State College and received his commission in the U.S. Air Force in 1954. He was assigned to the Air Rescue Service as a navigator, flying SA-16s. Following a tour of duty in Libya, he returned to the U.S. and became an electronics warfare officer flying in B52s in the Strategic Air Command. He served two combat tours of duty in South East Asia, earning the Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters. After serving as the Base Civil Engineer at Carswell Air Force Base, where he developed a very early recycling program, he retired in 1973. Among his awards was the Meritorious Service Award.

David joined the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C. where he managed the Waste Combustion Program. He was awarded the Bronze Medal. In 1985 he moved to Ogden Energy where he was senior Vice President for Environmental Affairs and directed the company's Washington office. He was recognized by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers among others for his work. He retired in 2000 and moved to Chestertown. David was an avid sailor and pilot of light sport aircraft. He was also a builder and flyer of radio controller airplanes and builder of model boats.

David is survived by his wife Margaret "Maggie" Smith; his sons Ron (Debra) of Pasadena, TX and Paul of Daly City, CA; his sister Judy Blume (George

Cooper) of Key West, FL; and his granddaughter Skye Jenkins (Dustin) of Conroe, TX. He was preceded in death by his former wife Idell LaGrone Sussman.

At his request no services will be held.

Should friends desire, donations in David's memory may be made to The American Air Museum in Britain, P.O. Box 97055, Washington, D.C. 20090-7055.

Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *David Baird Sussman*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *David Baird Sussman*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *David Baird Sussman*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *I was so sad to hear about David's passing. We worked together for many years in Ogden's Washington Office. He was both a mentor and a friend. My condolences to Maggie and the Sussman family.*

Gale Carr

Gale Carr - June 11, 2021 at 01:43 PM



“ *We are so sad to hear of David's passing. Please know much he is loved and how much he will be missed. Our deepest sympathies to you Maggie and the family.*

Beverly and Steven Levy

Beverly Levy - June 01, 2021 at 10:00 PM

GH

“ *My sincere condolences go out to Maggie Smith and her entire family for their loss. Lt. Col. David B. Sussman served both our country and advanced environmental science with distinction.*

—Gary Huggens

Gary Huggens - May 27, 2021 at 11:25 AM



SJ

“ *With sincere sympathy to Mr. Sussman's family.*

Suzanne Jackson - March 11, 2021 at 07:35 AM



LI

“ *Luisa's Cucina Italiana lit a candle in memory of David Baird Sussman*

Luisa's Cucina Italiana - March 10, 2021 at 10:17 PM

