

Samuel David Hollins

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Samuel David Hollins, Sr., age 60, of Lake St. Louis, MO died on March 3rd, 2013 at Vanderbilt Hospital after a battle with cancer. He was preceded in death by his parents Samuel Fox and Joyce Birmingham Hollins and his sister Joy "Bittie" Hollins.

Sam was a scholar, athlete, and a gentleman. He graduated from Battle Ground Academy and the United States Air Force Academy. Following his graduation from the Air Force Academy, he attended pilot training to become a fighter pilot and was selected to fly the F-4 at McDill AFB, Tampa, FL. After completing F-4 RTU, Sam was sent to Osan AFB, South Korea. His next assignment was Clark AFB, Philippines. Later, based on his skills as a fighter pilot he was assigned to Nellis AFB, Las Vegas, Nevada and flew F-5 with the elite Aggressor Squadron Training Aircrew with dissimilar aircraft in air combat maneuvers. Sam later transitioned to the Missouri National Air Guard and flew the F-4 and F-15 with the 110 TYFS at Lambert Airfield in St. Louis, MO. He retired from the Air Guard with the rank of Major. After his military retirement, Sam became a Captain and Flight Instructor with Northwest Airlines and later Delta Airlines.

Sam was a devoted husband, loving father, and a dear friend to many. He is survived by his wife, Carla Jane Hollins, son Samuel David Hollins, Jr., step daughter Kathryn Leigh Rowley and step son David Samuel Rowley, sister Gay Hollins-Wiggins along with many cousins and relatives in the Middle Tennessee area.

Memorials gifts are requested to be sent to Wounded Warriors or American Cancer Society.