

## **DAVID RUSSELL MARQUIS**

Dave went down to NAS Pensacola after graduation to flight school. Shortly after his arrival, Buck Wangeman's wife introduced him to her old roommate. Mary Berg was an Eastern Stew and she became Dave's wife a year later in 1961 after a long distance romance. Mary and Dave had the prerequisite baby, Leslie Anne, the first year and it was off to fly P-5Ms with VP-45 in Bermuda. Following this tour, it was stateside to fly P-3As with VP-30 at Pax River, Maryland. While Dave enjoyed his years in the Navy, he could not resist the call of his capitalistic nature. Northwest Airlines wanted him and his 3000+ flight hours. The flying wasn't any better, but who could resist the pay and hours? Less than two years after joining Northwest, Dave learned the realities of the outside world. He was furloughed for the next fifteen months. He kept busy riding "shotgun" as a US Customs Marshall on domestic flights, and survived without any "holdups" on any of his flights, he wasn't so successful with his marriage. Mary and Dave divorced in April 1972 just as Northwest was calling him back to work.

The life of a bachelor airline pilot was "book material" and he was a confirmed bachelor for over 10 years before meeting Stephanie. They married in 1983 and had the world by a string. Dave became step-dad to Stephanie's Joseph, Stacey, and James. Outside of Stephanie, Dave enjoyed boating, gourmet cooking and developed an on-going affair with his desk top computer. Stephanie and Dave were planning a Florida retirement and even had the house up for sale in Washington when a sudden heart attack put an early end to their dreams.

*Submitted by Stephanie with our grateful thanks.  
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