

WILLIAM WADE SHAFER

We regret to say that two of our classmates have lost their lives in the service of their country. Bill Shafer experienced hydraulic failure in a T-2J at an altitude of 100 feet in a practice mirror approach landing. His aircraft stalled and crashed on the runway.

The following paragraph is taken from the '60 *Lucky Bag*:

“Wade, a Navy junior from Pensacola, FL, originally hails from Coronado, Calif. After high school, he attended Pensacola Junior College and then enlisted in the Marine Corps. In Jan. of '56, Wade was accepted for NAPS and started his life at the Academy the following June. Wade's ability to handle firearms won him a spot on the plebe and varsity pistol teams. He was always active in company sports too, as demonstrated by his performance on the cross-country team for 3 years. Wade never had too much sweat academic-wise and the 3.4s were always within easy reach. Marine Corps Air is first in line on Wade's list of plans for the future.”

Wade leaves a widow, who is expecting a child, and one child.

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