

## **CHARLES EDWARD WANGEMAN, JR.**

Mr. Charles E. Wangeman, Jr., an engineering test pilot with Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corporation, was killed on 21 April while flying the F-111 fighter bomber on takeoff at Grumman's flight test center in Long Island, NY. Services and interment were at Mount Lebanon Cemetery, Mount Lebanon, PA. Mr. Wangeman, who was born in Pennsylvania, was graduated from the Naval Academy in 1960. He received flight training at Pensacola and Kingsville, Texas, and served with Fighter Squadron 154 at San Diego. He had two Western Pacific cruises in USS CORAL SEA, with action in Vietnam during the second cruise. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for an attack against radar installations on Bach Long Vi Island, North Vietnam; the Air Medal; Navy Commendation Medal with combat "V" and gold star; the Navy Unit Citation; National Defense Service Medal, and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

Following his return from Vietnam he was assigned to the Test Pilot School at Patuxent River Naval Air Test Center, Md. Following his resignation from the service in September 1966 as a Lieutenant, he joined Grumman. Among his survivors are his widow, Patricia Dobias Wangeman, and two sons Mark and Matthew, of Sauteket, Long Island, NY.

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