

Hugh Thomas Williams (15)



Hugh Thomas (Hasty) Williams age 86, of Mountain Home, Arkansas passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 4, 2024. Hasty was born on November 8, 1937, to Avera and Johnie (Peacock) Williams in Quincy, Florida. After graduating from T.R. Miller High School in Brewton, Alabama he attended Auburn University and then went to the US Naval Academy. He was commissioned as an ensign in 1960 and was designated a Naval Aviator in 1961. In 1962, Hasty married Diane "Dee" Gilmore in Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts.

Some of the highlights of his military career include VA-81 in Oceana, Virginia, Air Wing Eight as LSO; NAS Cecil Field; Carrier Air Wing Nineteen; Naval War College; VA-174 Instructor Pilot and Safety Officer. He reported to VT-24 as Executive Officer in 1976, taking over as commanding officer from 1977- He retired after his last tour, at NATTC NAS Millington, Memphis, Tennessee. Hasty flew over 3500 hours during his career, endured many cruises and, thankfully, survived two deployments to Vietnam. He proudly served our country and in return was awarded (12) air medals; (2) Meritorious Commendation; (2) Navy Unit Commendation; Distinguished Flying Cross; (3) Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medals; (2) Navy Commendation Medals; Combat V' Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Korea); Individual "E:" Award for weapons Delivery Excellence; Chief of Naval Operations Aviation Safety Award; National Defense Service Medal; Republic of Vietnam Service and Republic of Vietnam Gallantry.

Hasty loved spending time in the woods, hunting and just enjoying nature with his kids, grandkids, and friends. He had a passion for fishing... Bull Shoals Lake may never be the same! He looked forward to Yellville's yearly Turkey Trot, he loved to mess with the media, sending them in all different directions, so he could become the Phantom Pilot who dropped the turkeys over the square.

He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Dee; daughters Holly (Scotty) Jefferson and Stacy (Bruce) White; sons Brett (Kim) Williams, Mark (Amy E) Williams and Mike (Robin) Williams; grandchildren Brittany Curtis, Blake (Sarah) Jefferson, Braden Jefferson, Jacob Lowery, Jonah (Peyton) White, Sloane and Jaxon Williams; great grandchildren Cade Curtis and Callie Jane Jefferson.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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