



SCHOLARSHIP IN HONOR OF

LIEUTENANT COLONEL
GERALD R. LINN

U.S. AIR FORCE

Lieutenant Colonel Gerard R. Linn

Lt. Col. Gerald R. Linn served his country brilliantly and faithfully from the time of his graduation from the United States Air Force Academy in 1965 until his accidental death in November 1982.

After completing pilot training in 1966 he served as a pilot at various bases in this country, as well as in Thailand and Germany. Moving up the ladder, he was assigned in 1971-72 as a weapons officer for his tactical fighter squadron at Zweibrucken Air Base in Germany, and later in England. From 1974 to 1977 he was an exchange pilot with the RAF in the United Kingdom.

In 1977 he returned to the United States as tactical officer for the Tactical Fighter Weapons Center at Nellis Air Force Base, and from 1978 to 1981 as Commander of the Tactical Fighter Weapons Center at George Air Force Base.

In 1981 he returned to Germany and was based at Spangdahlem Air Base, where he was Commander of the F-4G 81st Tactical Fighter Squadron.

On 8 November 1982 Colonel Linn and his electronic warfare officer, Captain Dan Raichlen, were flying a low level training mission. Witnesses saw the plane begin to disintegrate before plunging to the ground within a hundred yards of a house in

the village of Neuhaus. To divert the plane from the village and the house, which contained school children, the men stayed with the plane.

In grateful appreciation of their sacrifice to save the lives of others, the people of Neuhaus honored them by erecting a memorial on the site.

The decorations awarded Colonel Linn bespeak his dedication and performance:

- DFC with one Oak Leaf Cluster
- Bronze Star Medal
- Meritorious Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster
- Air Medal with eleven Oak Leaf Clusters
- Air Force Commendation Medal
- Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with one Oak Leaf Cluster
- Combat Readiness Medal
- National Defense Service Medal
- Vietnam Service Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters
- Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon with four Oak Leaf Clusters
- Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon
- Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with "V" Device
- Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal

Dear General Bellis:

Colonel Linn, known to us as Jerry, attended Millard School as a Falcon Scholar in 1960-61, preparing for admission to the Air Force Academy.

Though many years have passed, the qualities that stay in my mind as descriptive of him are seriousness of purpose and steadiness. He was, of course, liked by everyone.

Neuhaas has its beautiful stone memorial honoring him and his fellow crewman's memory.

Through this scholarship we hope, by enabling other young people to achieve their goal of a career in the Air Force, to build living memorials to him.

We are proud to establish this scholarship in Jerry's memory, and in a sense, to help extend a hand from a former Falcon Scholar to future ones.

Sincerely,

Esther L. Millard

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President
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