



Acknowledgments from the family

Lisa, John and all of H's family want to thank everyone that played a part in making this memorial a day that honored and celebrated the life of Raven 26.

**THE ENGINE IS THE HEART OF AN AIRPLANE, BUT
THE PILOT IS THE SOUL**

-Walter Raleigh

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INTERMENT OF ASHES

United States Air Force Academy
Colorado Springs, Colorado

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*In Loving
Memory*



Mr. Harrold "H" Kay Ownby

SUNRISE: August 07, 1946 • **SUNSET:** September 19, 2017

Tuesday, October 10, 2017
10:00 AM

PLANO VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

2101 Bay Hill Drive
Plano, Texas 75023

OBITUARY

A true Texan, Harrold "H" Kay Ownby was born in 1946 in Bonham, Texas. He graduated from McKinney High School in 1965. After a year at the Air Force Academy Preparatory School he had the honor of being appointed to the U.S. Air Force Academy. It was as a cadet at USAFA that the moniker "H" was born and carried with him forevermore. As a cadet he served in the 5th, 19th and 12th cadet squadrons. He enjoyed hockey and served as a vigorous member of the rally committee, graduating in June 1969 with a BS degree in Economics and a commission as a 2nd Lt in the U.S. Air Force.

After completing pilot training in 1970, H. was assigned to the 536th Tactical Airlift Squadron, Republic of South Vietnam, flying C-7A aircraft, primarily providing re-supply, troop airlift, and evacuation to Special Forces Camps. In 1971 he was assigned to the 23rd Tactical Air Support Squadron, 504th Tactical Air Support Group, Nakhon Phanom RTAFB, Thailand, flying OV-10 aircraft in Forward Air Control (FAC) missions in Laos, South Vietnam, North Vietnam and Cambodia. In 1972 he volunteered for duty with Detachment 1 of the 56th Special Operations Wing, with placement in the Royal Laotian Air Force, flying O-1 and U-17 aircraft as a RAVEN FAC in support of Laotian and Thai PARU units in northern Laos (MR-II and MR-V) and southern Laos (MR-IV). In 1974 he was assigned to the 56th SOW with placement in the Khmer Republic Air Force, flying O-1, Helio-Courier and AT-28 aircraft before being medically evacuated to Carswell AFB in Fort Worth, Texas.

H. was awarded the Silver Star, four Distinguished Flying Crosses, the Bronze Star with Valor, two Purple Hearts, thirty-three Air Medals and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm and with Valor.

After separating from the US Air Force in August, 1974, H. attended the University of Texas School of Law, earning his Juris Doctorate in 1977. He was licensed in Texas and began working in private practice before he was elected District Attorney of Collin County—the first Republican to hold that office. H. remained an active member of the Republican Party, serving as a delegate to the RPOT State Convention (1978-2008), Chairman of the Resolutions/Platform Committee—Collin County (1980-2004 & 2008), and a volunteer to Kay Bailey Hutchison for State Treasurer and U.S. Senate. In total, he served as a volunteer on over 100 campaigns.



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and
Commemorative Air Force, DFW Wing

Master of Ceremonies

Phil Key
Personal friend of 40 years

Speakers

Phil Del Vecchio, Captain, USAF (ret)
U.S. Air Force Academy Class of 1969

Darrel Whitcomb, Colonel, USAF (ret)
U.S. Air Force Academy Class of 1969

Ed Gunter, Colonel, USAF (ret)
U.S. Air Force Academy Class of 1967

Neal Katz
Executive Director, Collin County Republican Party

Richard Ownby
Executive Director of Education Service Center, Region XI (ret)

Reception to Follow

Local Public House
2001 W. Spring Creek Pkwy
Plano, TX 75023