



## Rex L. Dull

July 24, 1938 - August 16, 2017

REX DULL

DECORATED FIGHTER PILOT, LOVING FATHER AND HUSBAND  
PASSES UNEXPECTEDLY

Rex Leonard Dull was born on July 24, 1938 in Arkansas City, Kansas to Clyde Dull and Wilda Fern "Babe" Dull (nee Brundridge). He was raised across the Midwest hunting, fishing and camping, settling in Gary, Indiana. After deciding against a boilermaker career, Rex joined the Air Force in the Aviation Cadet Program at Harlingen AFB, Texas. He graduated from flying training course, earning his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant, his Navigator wings, and marrying the love of his life, Shirley, all on June 4th, 1959. After several Navigator assignments, including the RC-121 aircraft during the Cuban Missile Crisis, he applied for Pilot training and was sent to Craig AFB, Alabama. After graduation and earning his pilot wings, Rex and Shirley moved to Nellis AFB, NV, where he completed F-105 training. Rex then served at McConnell AFB in Kansas as an instructor pilot, at Nellis AFB and at Yokota AFB in Japan. He was later stationed at Korat AFB in Thailand and flew more than 100 F-105 combat missions over North Vietnam.

He then returned to Nellis where he converted to the F-111 and flew the fighter-bomber there, and on another tour in Thailand including more missions

over North Vietnam. In 1977, the family moved to Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, where he served with distinction as a Fighter Squadron Operations Officer and Commander. Rex and Shirley then lived and served in Bangkok, Thailand with the Joint U.S. Military Assistance Group, where he was promoted to Colonel. Then he served in Southern California at the Air Force Inspection and Safety Center and in Frankfurt, Germany as the Air Force Liaison to the US Army's 5th Corps. Rex's final assignment was as the Inspector General at Holloman AFB, New Mexico.

Rex retired as a Colonel in May 1989 after 30 years of service to our country. He served as a highly decorated AF fighter pilot, including during the Vietnam War in Southeast Asia. Flying well more than 100 combat missions, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with one Oak Leaf Cluster for missions in Cambodia and Vietnam, the Air Medal with three silver and two bronze oak leaf clusters, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and the Meritorious Service Medal with Two Oak Leaf Clusters, in addition to approximately thirty additional medals, recognitions and citations, including one for Small Arms Expert Marksmanship with One Bronze Service Star for besting General Colin Powell in a marksmanship contest.

During retirement Rex devoted himself to his family and to volunteering for the American Legion, the Dogwood Thrift Shop, Meals on Wheels and many other causes.

Rex was a loving husband and father, an avid outdoorsman and skilled marksman, and frequently took the family camping, fishing and hunting. He was well-loved.

He is survived by his loving wife of fifty-eight years, Shirley Hutchens Dull; his younger brother, Terry (Laura); daughters, Julie and Kimberly and grandchildren, Spencer and Emily. His only son, Scott Michael, preceded him in death.

Services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, August 26, 2017 at Kidwell Garber Funeral Home of Laurie. Visitation will be from 10:00–11:00 a.m., Saturday at the funeral home. There will be a celebration of life event (with lunch) at the American Legion Zack Wheat Post in Sunrise Beach immediately thereafter.

The family requests donations in lieu of flowers to The Lamb House at 50 Illinois Street, Camdenton, Missouri 65020.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 26. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel  
417 Silvey Rd.  
Laurie, MO 65038  
(573) 374-7688

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## Celebration of Life

AUG 26. 12:00 PM (CT)

American Legion Zack Wheat Post 624  
852 American Legion Drive  
Sunrise Beach, MO 65079

# Tribute Wall



“ Col Dull was my squadron commander when I entered the F-111 community years ago, and he was my ADO at Mt Home a few years after that. I just did a search on his name and found this page - my condolences to the family. I had (and have) the utmost respect for him - one of the best commanders I've ever had, and a pretty fair pilot. Arlington is a fitting place for his resting place. Gonna throw a nickel on the grass tonight.

*James Miklasevich*

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**James Miklasevich** - February 22, 2021 at 04:17 PM

JU

“ I hope that his grandchildren Spencer Katmai Dahl and Emily Iris Dahl know how much they are loved by their grandmother and loved by their grandfather.

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**Julie** - March 15, 2020 at 05:12 PM

JU

*posted full names so they can find the obit page*

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**Julie** - March 15, 2020 at 05:13 PM

JD

“ Julie Dull lit a candle in memory of Rex L. Dull



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**Julie Dull** - September 26, 2018 at 10:46 PM

JD

“ Rex Leonard Dull was laid to rest on September 21, 2018 in Arlington National Cemetery at 9 am EST. He was buried with full honors from the USAF including a 21 rifle volley, a full band, a bagpipe and the most wonderful rendering of taps. There was a priest who also said a few kind words and was very comforting to the family. Mostly family and some friends attended; this was the second ceremony for my father and he would be honored to know people came out to Missouri for his funeral in August of 2017 and for this honor as well. The people at Arlington were wonderful and kind and it was very comforting.

Thank you to everyone for everything; if you want a copy of the video contact Julie at [julie.dullcpa@gmail.com](mailto:julie.dullcpa@gmail.com) or [jdull@myokardia.com](mailto:jdull@myokardia.com)

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**Julie Dull** - September 26, 2018 at 10:40 PM

JD

“ There was an interview with Dad published online <http://www.lakenewsonline.com/article/20090524/NEWS/305249975>

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**Julie Dull** - March 28, 2018 at 11:21 PM

KI

“ Kimberly lit a candle in memory of Rex L. Dull



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**Kimberly** - March 10, 2018 at 02:40 PM

LG

“ *Linda Gordon lit a candle in memory of Rex L. Dull*



**linda gordon** - September 20, 2017 at 11:46 AM

JD

“ *Julie Dull lit a candle in memory of Rex L. Dull*



**Julie Dull** - September 07, 2017 at 07:42 PM



“ *79 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Kidwell-Garber Funeral Homes** - August 25, 2017 at 01:36 PM

AA

“ Rex was one of my favorites in the F-111 community - an even tempered gentleman and highly skilled professional. My fondest farewell to him and sympathies and prayers to his family!!

*Al Aman - Fellow Aviator & Val Konie*

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**Al Aman** - August 24, 2017 at 12:01 AM

BB

“ A wonderful assignment in Bangkok with Rex and Shirley. What great memories of then and our visits after. Two Thud pilots with lots of stories to share. God bless them both and their family.

*Bob & Betty Bradshaw*

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**Bob & Betty Bradshaw** - August 20, 2017 at 07:29 PM

DJ

“ Rex epitomized the concept of the fine officer and true gentleman. We'll never forget the warm and genuine welcome he gave us when we joined the Nellis F-111 family. Rest well, Rex. You and your all your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

*Doug and Shari Jones*

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**Doug Jones** - August 20, 2017 at 09:50 AM

RL

“ *Ron & Johnnie LeBlanc*

*Johnnie and my thoughts and prayers go out for Rex and his family. We have very fond memories of the time we knew him in the Air Force. Check Six Rex.*

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**Ronald LeBlanc** - August 19, 2017 at 10:50 AM

DS

“ Heartfelt condolences from Mary Dell & myself. Praying for Rex & his family.

Reflecting on fond memories of Rex both professionally & socially.

Was honored to call him boss & dear friend.,

May Rex rest in perpetual peace...

Dave & Mary Dell Sanchez

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**David Sanchez** - August 19, 2017 at 09:05 AM

SH

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. The memories of Rex will stay with us forever. May he rest in peace.

Steve and Zee Homoki

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**Steve Homoki** - August 20, 2017 at 07:57 PM

SH

We were honored to know and serve with Rex and Shirley at Nellis air force base while we flew the F-111. Rex was always a gentlemen's gentleman, widely respected and fondly remembered. May he rest in peace. Our best to Shirley and the rest of the family.

Sam and Bonnie Harris, Weatherford TX, August 22.

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**Sam Harris** - August 22, 2017 at 08:47 PM