Valmore William Bourque
Class of 1960
6th Squadron

Date of Birth: 23 July 1936
Home Town: South Hadley Falls, MA

1st Lieutenant Valmore W. Bourque was killed on 24 October 1964 while on a mission in South Vietnam. The C-123 aircraft he was piloting was shot down by communist guerillas in the mountains just north of Saigon. Bourque entered with the Class of 1959 and was the first cadet to enroll in the Air Force Academy and was the first Academy graduate to be killed in action. He was promoted to captain posthumously.

Loss narrative compiled by Paula Simon, Association of Graduates volunteer, Fall 2005.