VALMORE WILLIAM BOURQUE
23 July 1936 - 24 October 1964

Valmore W. Bourque was the first cadet to be sworn in with the Class of 1959 at the new Air Force Academy on 11 July 1955. He joined the Class of 1960 during our freshman year.

Val was subsequently the first graduate to be killed in combat and is therefore, the first name listed on the graduate war memorial. He was killed in action northeast of Saigon while flying as a C-123 aircraft commander on a combat mission. Val was the first lieutenant in this C-123 squadron to be upgraded to aircraft commander. He was posthumously promoted to Captain and buried with honors at the USAF Academy cemetery.

The superb example he set as a cadet and as a USAF officer served as a beacon for all USAFA graduates on their flight through their military life.

The Class of 1960, on the occasion of the thirty-fifth anniversary of our graduation, is pleased to dedicate this painting "Footfalls" and surrounding alcove ~~to~~ in honor of ~~commemorate~~ Valmore W. Bourque and all of our deceased classmates.

dedicates with respect AND GRADITUDE,

Andi - your thoughts? Bottom write-up with our class crest to the west of the picture (left as you look at it) and picture of Val being sworn in with the top write-up displayed to the right of the picture. Call me with your comments. I will be in Monday, and then gone. if I'm gone, give comments to Cheryl Brower who will coordinate with Shaw in my absence - Jock