SANDERS, Thomas A.
Class of 1961

First Lieutenant Sanders was killed on 7 July 1965 as a pilot in an O-1F accident in South Vietnam. He was taking off from Camp Holloway for a familiarization flight near Pleiku (being new in the area) when his plane crashed suddenly. He was unconscious when taken from the wreckage and died without regaining consciousness en route to the 8th Field Hospital in Nha Trang. As a cadet, he made the Superintendent's Merit List three semesters and served as flight commander. He was also previously the President of the National Honor Society Chapter. Sanders was known for his enthusiasm for his work and outstanding performance, earning the respect of others. His name is on the USAFA War Memorial for his sacrifice for and dedication to this country.

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