WATSON, Donald D.
Class of 1962
First Lieutenant

- killed on 31 July 1965 as an F-100 pilot during an air to ground strike in Viet Cong when his plane was struck by VC ground fire while flying at a low level and exploded and crashed near Tay Ninh, South Vietnam
- member of the 481st TFS at the time
- was on his second tour, had volunteered to replace another pilot so that the pilot could return home to celebrate Christmas with his family
- known as an outstanding officer, pilot, and "soldier"
- name is on the USAFA War Memorial

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