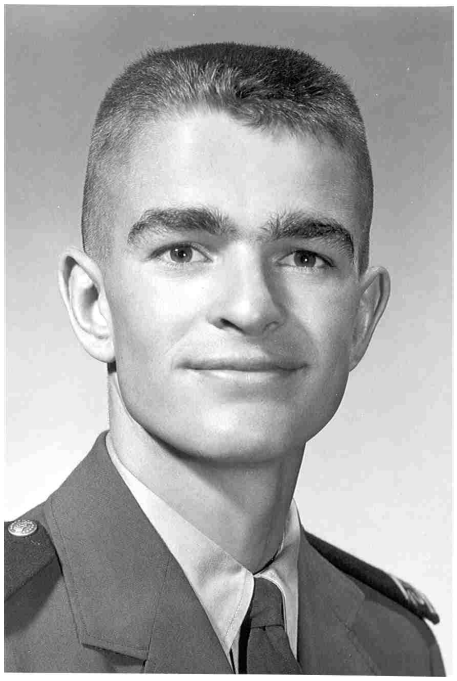
Donald David Watson
Class of 1962
16th Squadron



Date of Birth: 13 July 1939
Home Town: Tripoli, WI

1st Lieutenant Donald D. Watson was killed on 31 July 1965 while on a combat mission in South Vietnam. The F-100 aircraft he was piloting was hit by ground fire and exploded. His flight was engaged in an air-to-ground strike against a Viet Cong troop concentration. He was the second United States Air Force Academy Graduate to die in combat.

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