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TO THE CLASS OF 1961:

I seriously regret the necessity to inform you of the loss of one of your classmates, Capt Thomas T. Walker, who was killed on 7 April 1966 in a B-57 crash in Southeast Asia. Assigned to Clark AB, Tom was performing navigator duties in support of air-to-ground operations. While on a bomb run, the aircraft was unable to pull off the target, and subsequently disintegrated as it struck the trees in the target area. Exact cause of the accident is unknown, and to date no remains of the crew have been recovered.

Since Tom was not a close personal friend of mine, it is difficult for me to add significantly to your own understanding of the magnitude of our loss. However, I trust that each of you will join me in taking time to remember him in our thoughts and prayers.

Perhaps you already know that Tom was divorced. His two children, Valerie and Bradley, are residing at 2918 Maror Drive, Springfield, Oregon, but I do not know the guardian's name. His mother's address is:

Mrs. Kathern Crum
Box 367
Toledo, Oregon

For those of you in the area who might care to attend, a memorial service will be held on Saturday, 16 April 1966 at the Bateman Newport Chapel in Newport, Oregon at 11:00 AM.

Again, I regret that I must be the bearer of sad news, but I trust that you join me in bidding Tom "Godspeed."

Regretfully,

Richard T Mathews

RICHARD T. MATHEWS
Executive Secretary
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