RALSTON, Frank D., III
Class of 1963

Major Ralston was killed on 14 May 1966 (although officially MIA until 9 January 1978) as a copilot of an F-4C Phantom II aircraft on an armed reconnaissance mission. It is not exactly known what happened, but others have reported seeing a white flash. Ralston had flown missions in the most hazardous conditions, including frequent exposure to enemy fire, and had earned awards such as the Air Medal. As a cadet, Ralston served as Flight Information Officer and Flight Commander. His name is on the USAFA War Memorial for his sacrifice for and dedication to this country.

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