SPANGLER, James N.
Class of 1964

First Lieutenant Spangler was killed on 19 May 1966 as the copilot of a KC-135 aircraft in a military aircraft accident. He was on a classified mission in direct support of combat efforts in Southeast Asia, which probably consisted of a refueling mission to refuel aircrafts involved in the war effort. The plane crashed upon takeoff. He was a member of the 919th Air Refueling Squadron and was TDY to the 4252nd Strategic Wing at Kadena AB, Okinawa, Japan at the time. As a cadet, Spangler served as a Flight Commander and Flight Academic Officer with the rank of Cadet Captain and made the Commandant's List once. Spangler's name is on the USAFA War Memorial for his sacrifice for and dedication to this country.

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