Bruce Paul Slater

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Bruce Paul Slater was born in Murray, Utah on September 5, 1944. Bruce graduated from Utah State University with a degree in finance and economics and received an MBA degree from the University of Montana through the USAF Institute of Technology.
He entered active duty and was commissioned in 1967. His first assignment was to Malmstrom Air Force Base in Montana as a Minuteman II Launch Officer. While there, he met and worked with General Gerald Fall (his favorite military mentor). After Malmstrom AFB, his military assignment locations included: Sunnyvale, California (USAF Education with Industry assigned by the Air Force to work with Lockheed Missiles and Space Co.... years later, to be his employer); Hill AFB, Utah; Howard AFB, Canal Zone, Panama; Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

He served throughout his military career as an active duty and then reserve officer in Acquisition Logistics and Space Defense Initiatives. Bruce separated from active-duty Air Force and remained in the USAF Reserves when he began employment with Lockheed Missiles and Space Co. and continued his work in Acquisition Logistics and Space Defense Initiatives. His Air Force Reserves assignments took him to the Pentagon, Los Angeles AFB, McClellan AFB, and Hanscom AFB. His military expertise and civilian work intertwined as he worked for Lockheed in: Sunnyvale, Ca.; Ft. Meade, Md.; USAF Joint Analysis Center, RAF Molesworth, United Kingdom; and Newington, Va. He retired from the Air Force Reserves in 1993 and joined Lockheed Missiles and Space Company as a Program Manager until he retired.



Colonel Bruce Paul Slater is remembered as an honest firm steady "doer" and planner who loved serving his family, his country, and his God.

While with Lockheed, Bruce was the Program Operations Manager for developing (from start to finish) the LMSC "IDEX" System (and one was put on display in the Udvar-Hazy Center of the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum in Washington, DC). As a family, we considered every place we lived as an adventure--seeing new places, meeting new people, and many times reconnecting with friends from previous military assignments.

Bruce always loved camping and instilled in his children this love of camping which they are passing onto their children. He also loved scouting and every place he lived he would be involved with scouting in one way or another. While living in Panama, one of his all-time favorite scouting experiences was the Boy Scout Cayuca Race through the Panama Canal across the Isthmus of Panama. (The scouts had to make their own "cayuca"...a canoe made from a hollowed-out tree.)

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