



## Lt Col (Ret) Malcolm O. Stallings Jr.

November 20, 1936 - April 6, 2017

LT COL (RET) MALCOLM O. STALLINGS, JR.  
EVANSVILLE, INDIANA

Lt Col (Ret) Malcolm O. Stallings, Jr., 80, of Evansville, Indiana, passed away at his home Thursday, April 6, 2017, following a courageous battle with lung cancer. He was born November 20, 1936 at the Presidio in San Francisco, California, the only child of Malcolm and Juana Cale (Wilkinson) Stallings. Mal lived a worldly and adventurous life growing up in the Army; it would be his calling. He graduated from Wadesville High School and The University of Maryland, with a Bachelor's in Military Science. He proudly served 26.5 years in the United States Air Force, retiring as a Lt. Col in 1980. As a C-130 pilot, Mal received the Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, AF Commendation Medal, AF Longevity Service Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, AF Presidential Unit Citation, AF Outstanding Unit Award, AF Outstanding Unit Award with Valor, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross and a Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Mal is survived by his loving and dedicated wife of almost 60 years: Shirley Merrill (Calderwood) Stallings; his daughter: Desiree M. Culiver of Evansville, Indiana; son: Malcolm O. Stallings, III of LaJolla, California and grandchildren: Evan VanBibber and Coral Stallings. His rescued sidekick St. Bernard, Bowser, preceded him in death.

In retirement, Mal and Shirley ran a tennis business for many years in North

Little Rock, eventually moving to Evansville back to his family roots. Biddeford Pool, Maine was Shirley's home; they would share the love of the beach with their kids, family and friends. Their volunteer spirit led them to become founding members of Friends of Wood Island Lighthouse; Mal would be a tour boat Captain and Shirley led lighthouse tours. Mal rekindled his love of flying in Maine and could be seen buzzing the beach and flying formation with pilot friends. He also became an accomplished sailor, sailing the ocean on "Pea Green".

Mal was a lover of rhymes and Dr. Suess. It's only fitting that we leave you with a smile:

"Capt Owl and Miss Pussycat went to sea in a beautiful pea green boat,  
Almost 60 years of adventures, from shore to shore, on each other they would dote.

The Capt fought a brave battle with courage, a sense of humor and might,  
And now is sailing the endless blue ocean and soaring with eagles in flight.  
Pour your favorite, raise a glass, and make a toast towards the skies,  
'Or Capt Owl's beloved star-spangled banner, at half-mast now flies."

A celebration cocktail party with his beloved martial music will be held at a later date in Maine. Memorial contributions in Mal's name may be made to: Soldier Dogs for Independence; [soldierdogs.org](http://soldierdogs.org) (Evansville) or LUNGEVITY Honor/Memorial gift ([lungevity.org](http://lungevity.org)).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lt Col (Ret) Malcolm O. Stallings Jr.*

October 06, 2023 at 09:05 AM



“ *I enjoyed sitting with Malcolm and listening to some of his stories. He accomplished so many things in his life and it is hard for me to describe how much respect I have for him .I will see you down the road ,my friend. Bill Bowers*

**Bill Bowers** - April 16, 2017 at 07:35 PM



“ *Shirley and Desiree, I am sorry for your loss. We will keep you and your family in our prayers.*

*Richard and Donna Condi*

**Richard Condi** - April 13, 2017 at 04:41 PM



“ *Desiree and Evan - So very sorry for the loss of your ever so cool papa. I know you all helped him fight the good fight. Know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Much love to you all.*

*Sally Kroeger and Steve Stobaugh*

**Sally Kroeger** - April 13, 2017 at 10:30 AM

MS

“ *Malcolm kept our neighborhood in check as well as his lawn. Would frequently see him sitting in lawn chair outside taking a break he will be missed. My condolences to Shirley and the entire family sincerely a long time neighbor. Mark Schreiber*

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**Mark Schreiber** - April 12, 2017 at 08:14 AM

JI

“ *Desiree,*

*We are so sorry to hear of your loss. You are in our prayers.*

*Jim & Jonna Isaacs*

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**Jim Isaacs** - April 11, 2017 at 11:13 AM

AM

“ *So sorry or your loss. He was a real warrior and I've always thought highly of him. He and family have been on my mind and in my prayers lately. I'm sure he's flying high in the beautiful blue skies now. I thank him and the family for all they've done for our Country. Hugs and you're in my heart.*



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**Angie Straub McLamb** - April 11, 2017 at 03:07 AM

VJ

“ Shirley and family

*I send you my condolence and wanted you to know I am thinking of you at this time.*

*Mal,,."Hot Shot" was in and out of my life a lot, my mother and dad were close friends of Arthur and Ella Reynolds, so I always knew Aunt Juanna., and when he would come home from service in early years, saw a lot of him. I am thankful for him giving his time to the service,.I love poetry also,,,,,plus The Owl and The Pussycat, is also one of my favorites. One of the first books I remember my folks reading to me. Feel " Hot Shot" is sailing the PEA GREEN BOAT,,,,,,.and soaring with the eagles,, no pain, free again. I know how this changes your life forever, but memories are a wonderful thing. I kept abreast of his illness through Bobby Joe Wassner and Pammy Jo, so I know it is now time to celebrate his life.n I do that with you, deepest sympathy,, and here's one for you "HOT SHOT"*



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**Vera Johnson** - April 11, 2017 at 02:37 AM

JM

“ Desiree,

*Thinking of you and your entire family during this most difficult time. Sending lots of hugs,and prayers too. Love, Jo Ann and Michael Meth*

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**Jo Ann Meth** - April 10, 2017 at 07:21 PM

Amy  
Robinson

“ Dear Shirley and all of your family,

*Please know how much Mal meant to me in the few years I shared the boat with him on the light house tours! He always had a fun way of talking to the guests and to me. Last season without him at the helm was different for me. I know he is in a better place now and will be smiling down on all of you and hopefully on all of us while we are out on the island! He was a very special man and will be greatly missed!*

*Love, Amy Robinson*



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**Amy Robinson** - April 10, 2017 at 05:39 PM

PH

“ Dearest Shirley and family,  
*My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this very difficult time. Mal's wonderful laugh and his shining smile, as well as his beautiful loving spirit will be in our hearts forever. Sending you love and blessings. Patti Hartig*

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**Patti Hartig** - April 10, 2017 at 01:09 PM

PJ

“ Malcolm,  
*A 🍷 Toast 🍷 to the 🌟3-Cooolest🌟 C-130 Pilot relative anyone could ever imagine...in one word...🌟Priceless🌟🌈*

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**Pete Straub Jr** - April 10, 2017 at 12:21 PM

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“ 13 files added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Desiree** - April 10, 2017 at 09:32 AM