

AVIATION WALL OF HONOR



Capt. Dan Orford Howe Pilot, USAF Vietnam

Dan, son of Dr. Lloyd and Evelyn Howe, was born in Marquette on July 5, 1932. His early education locally was at John D. Pierce and Graveraet High School before enrolling in the University of St. Louis where he studied aeronautical engineering. As a student he also worked for McDonnell Aircraft. In 1954 he received his engineering degree and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force as part of the University's ROTC

program. His military career consisted of pilot training and operational flying of T-33s, B-36s and B-47s as a member of the Strategic Air Command.

Responding to a house request to go to research and development, he was Test and Technical Publications Manager, C-130 System Program Office, Aeronautical Systems Division at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

In 1965 Dan went to Vietnam where he was a Detachment Commander and flying an O-1 aircraft as Forward Air Controller (FAC pilot) in over 300 missions. He was awarded the Bronze Medal, Air Medal and Distinguished Flying Cross.

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After twelve years in the military Captain Dan Howe returned to civilian life where he began a new career with Boeing in Seattle, Washington. As a customer engineer in the SST (Super Sonic Transport) Division he represented the Boeing Technical Position on the SST to domestic and international airlines, determined customer requirements and conducted technical analyses of compliance methods.

In his final career move he managed the Ground School, hiring and supervising employees who were responsible for classroom and simulator training for all commercial aircraft manufactured at the Boeing Company. He traveled world wide as a Boeing representative until finally taking a medical leave of absence due to Hodgkins Disease. Boeing sent letters to over 200 customers and friends around the world of his disabling illness. He died after seven years on August 9, 1991.

He is survived by his wife Jeannine, and their five children, Jeff, Dirk, Brett, Kendra and Daphne. Dan was the son of Dr. Lloyd Howe who practiced medicine in Marquette for over 50 years.

TJ Mudge, June 2007