



Dean Leroy Bristow

Dean Leroy Bristow was born on April 26, 1938, to Thomas Pleasant Bristow and Marie Drexel Green Bristow in Tustin, CA. He was the last of 5 brothers, Edward R., Gilbert, Willard, and Harrold.

Dean attended Tustin High School where he played in the band, was active in sports, and was a member of the yearbook staff and the California Student Scholar Society. Dean graduated from Tustin High with a nomination to the United States Air Force Academy.

While at the Air Force Academy, Dean was a member of the yearbook committee and wrote a column for a student new paper. He continued to be active in sports, playing football, and rugby, running cross country, and managing the fencing team. Dean graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1960 as a navigator and scored 2nd highest in his class. Pilot training began in 1961 at Vance AFB, OK. After receiving his pilot's wings, he went to Tinker AFB, OK where he trained to fly the C124 ("Old Shakey").

Dean married his wife, Sandra Pedersen Bristow, on May 10, 1963. They had 4 children-Christi, Catherine, Dana, and Michael.

Dean was stationed at Travis Air Force Base, CA and Hickam Air Force Base, HI. He flew transport missions during the Vietnam War and logged 3,800 hours of flying time.

In 1966, Dean embarked on a different career path starting classes to prepare for Medical School. He separated from the Air Force in 1967 and attended Brigham Young University from 1967-68. He was accepted to and attended the University of California at Irvine School of Medicine from 1968-1972. He completed an internship in Salt Lake City, UT and then a residency at the University of Kentucky medical center and VA medical center in Urology.

After residency, Dean and his family moved to Payson, UT in 1977 where he set up a successful private medical practice and conducted many clinics in more rural areas of Utah. Dean was also a member of the Utah Air National Guard, serving as a flight surgeon. He was on the board of representatives for the Utah Medical Association and was a member of the school board for 8 years.

In 1992 Dean was called to serve during the start of the Desert Storm Conflict. He was transferred to Offutt AFB, NE to run the urology clinic there. In 1993, after 15 years of private practice, Dean returned to active-duty Air Force. Dean served as medical director at Davis Monthan AFB for 18 months before transferring to Fayetteville, NC to serve as the Pope Air Force Base clinic commander for 3 years. Dean finished his Air Force career at Elmendorf AFB, AK in 1998 after 2 years. He was officially retired on October 14, 2000, at the Air Force Academy during a class reunion.

