

Bill Ernst

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Personal Statement: Now retired, I ski, play golf, fish, and travel. I live in Bellevue, Nebraska, with the love of my life and best friend, the former Linda Turpin; we have three children and seven grandchildren.



Biography:

- Oct 1984-Oct 1997 Worked for Raytheon E-systems in new business development and Senior Technical Representative. Since retiring from Raytheon E-Systems I have worked part time as an independent ISR/C4I consultant for Riverside Research, L-3 Communications Integration Systems and Sierra Nevada Corporation.
- Aug 1984 Retired from USAF as Colonel in Aug 1984.
- Oct. 1984 - Oct.1996 Worked with Raytheon E-Systems in new business development and as Senior Technical Representative.
- Aug 1978 - Aug 1984 Chief of (RC-135) Reconnaissance Operations, Directorate of Reconnaissance, DCS Operations, Strategic Air Command and flew regularly with the 343rd and 38th SRS.
- Jul. 1976 - Aug 1978 Commander 6950 Security Group, RAF Chicksands, UK.
- Jul. 1973 - Jul. 1976 Assigned to 55th SRW at Offutt AFB as 343rd Sq. Commander and Dep DO. Flew RC-135C,M,R,T,U,V, and W models.
- Dec. 1970 - Jul. 1973 Assigned to 15th AF DOR March AFB and flew T-39's.
- Oct. 1969 - Nov. 1970 Command Advisory Function Det 1, Fifth AF Osan AB, Korea and flew T-33 faker missions.
- Apr. 1967- Sep. 1969 was assign to 24th SRS at Eielson AFB flying the RC-135D Rivet Brass, RC-135S Rivet Ball, and RC-135E Rivet Amber.
- 1964 flew first SAC refuelings in support of fighter strikes into Vietnam and Laos.
- 1961-1967 was assigned to 91st ARS at Lockbourne AFB flyinng KC-97"s and KC-135's. Continued to pull home and reflex alert at Goose Bay and Eielson AFB.
- 1955-1961 flew KC-97 and T-33 reflexing to Thule, Harmon, Lajes, GooseBay, Torejon, Upper Heyford and Clinton County Airport, Ohio.
- Dec 1955 assigned to 340th Air Refueling Sq. Whiteman AFB
- Aug. 1955 Graduated from pilot training at Williams AFB, assigned to Randolph AFB, and cross trained into B-29's.
- Born St. Louis, I grew up in Kirkwood, MO. Graduated from Colorado (A & M) State Univ. and received an Air Force Commission in Jun 1954.