



**RYDER, Dennis R.**  
**(10/28/1945 – 3/26/2000) (54)**  
**Arlington National Cemetery (Sec 8, Site:5547 LH)**

**Dennis Ray Ryder, 54, died suddenly on March 26 (,2000) in Jacksonville, Florida. He was born October 28, 1945 in Chicago, Illinois; he has been a resident of Charlotte, North Caroline for the past seven years. He received a B.S. from the University of Illinois and held a Master of Arts from Central Michigan University. In December 1999, he completed the coursework for a Teaching Certificate in Social Studies at UNCC and was a student teacher at South Mecklenburg High School during the fall semester. Lt. Col Ryder retired from the USAF in 1989 with more than 5000 flying hours. A Vietnam veteran, his decorations included two Distinguished Flying Crosses and sixteen Air Medals. Following his military retirement he was Director, Strategic Command, for GTE Corporation and Director, Strategic Planning, with SCT Corporation. He was a member of Kiwanis International, The Daedalians, The Rotarians and other civic organizations. Lt. Col. (Ret.) Ryder is survived by his wife, of Charlotte, North Carolina; his son, his daughter, two brothers, and one sister. There will be a Memorial service at Demaine Funeral Home in Alexandria, Virginia at noon on April 6 followed by a military burial at Arlington National Cemetery at 2:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the American Heart Association.**

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**Dennis was an RC-135 pilot in the 1980s**