

Winfield Scott Freeman III

SEPTEMBER 14, 1946 – SEPTEMBER 8, 2025



In Loving Memory

Winfield Scott Freeman III, known as Scott, passed away on September 8, 2025 at the age of 78.

He was devoted to his wife, Jackie; a loving father to his daughter, Kelly (Howland) and his sons, James and Ryan; a beloved brother to his sister, Jane Bittner; a proud grandfather to Eli and Maci Howland; a cherished brother-in-law to Gary Noto; and a caring uncle to Danny Bittner.

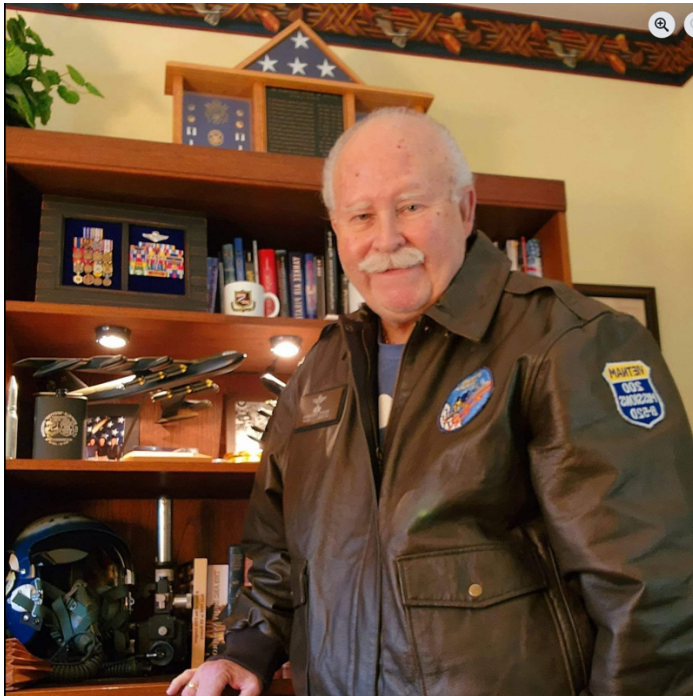
Scott served 24 years in the Air Force, retiring in 1993 at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. His distinguished career concluded at the Pentagon where he contributed to the Intelligence Community.

He served as an Electronics Warfare Officer (EWO) on the B52 aircraft. Scott flew 262 combat missions in Vietnam. He played a vital role in the Linebacker II aerial campaign which secured release of American prisoners. He was deeply honored to serve his country as evidenced by his many service medals with Oak Leaf clusters.

In his retirement, Scott enjoyed playing golf, skeet shooting, rooting for the NY Giants football team, and watching science fiction movies.

He will be remembered for his devotion to family, love of country, and warm spirit. He will be greatly missed by family and friends.

In memory of Scott, contributions can be made to Fisher House and/or Tunnel 2 Towers; see the links below.



Operation Linebacker and Linebacker II

Final Flyby: Scott Freeman passed away on September 8th. Burial will be Friday, September 26th at 2:30 pm at the National Memorial Cemetery in Quantico, VA. Scott was a B-52D EWO stationed at March AFB. He flew 262 combat missions during ArcLight including five Linebacker II missions. After leaving March, Scott was a Raven flying RC-135s followed by assignments to Mather teaching Electronic Warfare following by assignments to Randolph and the Pentagon. Scott wrote a story in "We Were Crewdogs, Vol VII" about his mission on the fourth night of Linebacker II. The target was the Bac Mai Storage Facilities, flying Blue 2. Blue 1 was shot down that night along with Scarlet 3, about 4 minutes ahead of Scott's plane. That is how years later, I would meet Scott through Facebook years later. That night, the Grand Forks crew I was flying on was in Gray cell, right between Scarlet Cell and Blue Cell. I learned Scott had a copy of the Mission Tape for Blue 2 from that night. I contacted him to get a copy of it and as a result, became very good friends talking on a weekly basis even though we only met thru Video Chats over the Internet. I will miss my good friend Scott and our weekly chats.