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David Blanchard Talbott



David Blanchard Talbott, Lt. Col (ret) USAF of Santa Barbara, California, died Oct. 30, 2019. David was a 1949 graduate of Grinnell High School and was preceded in death by his daughter, Diana Jo, his parents David E. and Mary F. Talbott, and his brother Eugene Talbott. David is survived by his daughters, Kathryn and Gabrielle, son, David, sisters Pamela Everett of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Rosemary Harlow of McPherson, Kansas, and many loving grandchildren, nieces and nephews. David was a loving

husband, father, grandfather and uncle and a friend to everyone. He joined the Air Force after graduating from high school and there are many who recount the time he buzzed the Grinnell golf course, much to the delight of golfers and the horror of his mother. He retired from the Air Force after 25 years, returned to college and received his bachelor's degree in social work from Wichita State University. His degree set the stage for his second act of volunteerism and advocacy. A 20-year veteran with the Red Cross, David provided logistical support during national disasters and trained many in the life-saving techniques of CPR and first aid. He was also a beloved volunteer and docent for the Santa Barbara Zoo, and is fondly remembered by staff and supporters for his baked goods and ready smile. David will be interred in his daughter Diana Jo's plot at Hazelwood Cemetery in spring of 2020.