

## Col Lawrence Herbert Golberg ▼

**BIRTH** 31 Dec 1932

Cloquet, Carlton County, Minnesota, USA

**DEATH** 8 Aug 1966 (aged 33)

Vietnam

**CENOTAPH** ⓘ Shaara Tzedek Cemetery

Hermantown, St. Louis County, Minnesota, USA

**MEMORIAL ID** 94211861



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Jack Abramson

In Memory of..... Col. Lawrence Herbert Golberg.

\*\*\* Colonel Golberg was a member of the 555th Tactical Fighter Squadron. On August 8, 1966, he was the pilot of a McDonnell Douglas Phantom II Fighter (F-4C) on a mission along the border of Ha Bac and Long Son Provinces in North Vietnam and about 25 miles southwest of China, where his aircraft was shot down. His remains were recovered on September 30, 1977 and identified on October 25, 1977. His name is inscribed on the Courts of the Missing at the Honolulu Memorial.

You may be gone, no longer living on this earth; but you will live on - in the memories of your family and friends. There will always be a part of you living in those who knew you. You will live on because we remember you!

LAWRENCE HERBERT GOLBERG - Air Force - COL - O6

Age: 33

Race: Caucasian

Date of Birth Dec 31, 1932



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From: CLOQUET, MN

Religion: JEWISH

Marital Status: Married - Margaret H. Golberg, of Columbus, Ohio; two children, Steven M. Golberg of Columbus, Oh. and Colleen Dawn Golberg. (aka Miller and Keator)

Parents: Mother: Ida F. Golberg was born Jan. 12, 1914 and Died March 5, 1999 in Duluth, Minnesota at the age of 85 yrs.. Father: Marvin Golberg born July 2, 1912 in Minnesota and Died May 22, 1995 in Duluth, Saint Louis County, Minnesota at the age of 82 yrs..

Captain returned from North Vietnam

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) -

"Thank God, my brother is coming home." Bette Charney spoke in a voice shaking with controlled emotion in the wake of a Pentagon announcement that remains of her brother, Capt. Lawrence H. Golberg, had been positively identified.

Graveside funeral services are scheduled Sunday in Duluth.

Golberg was 33 when he the F4C Phantom jet he was piloting was shot down over North Vietnam Aug. 6, 1966.

It was 10 years before his death was confirmed by the North Vietnamese government. Then, last March, the family was advised his body was one of 11 returned then. But that identification turned out to be erroneous, and the family resumed its vigil. No more bodies were released until Sept. 30, when a U.S. delegation went to Hanoi to accept the remains of 20 Air Force and Navy fliers, plus one civilian. They were taken to the U.S. Military Center in Honolulu for identification.

This time, to prevent another error like the one in March, no names were released until all the remains had been positively identified. Other area men whose bodies were among those identified were Air Force Maj. Clyde D. Dawson of Fond du Lac, Wis., and Air Force Capt. Samuel Fandle III, Sioux Falls, S.D. Golberg, formerly of Cloquet, was a 12-year veteran of the Air Force when he was shot down. He had been in Vietnam five months. In addition to Mrs. Charney (sister), who lives in Golden Valley, Golberg is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Golberg of Duluth; his widow, Margaret, of Columbus, Ohio; two teen-aged children, and a brother, Ralph, St. Louis Park, Minn.

Mrs. Charney has been active in the National League of Families, a group which has pressed for the return of all bodies of U.S. servicemen missing in Southeast Asia. "I am relieved that his remains will be buried in this country," Mrs. Charney said in a telephone interview. "And-- speaking for our entire family -- I'm only hoping that the Vietnamese government will be humanitarian enough to account for all missing Americans in Southeast Asia." "The whole thing is that we want all of these men accounted," she continued. "I wish we could wake up our government leaders and the Vietnamese leaders and come to a conclusion and end this conflict." Defense records show 702 military personnel still listed as missing, with 1,803 presumed dead whose bodies have never been recovered.

\*\*\*\*\* Ida F Golberg in household of Marvin Golberg,  
"United States Census, 1940"

Name: Ida F Golberg

Event Type: Census

Event Date: 1940

Event Place: Tract 16, Duluth, Duluth City, St. Louis, Minnesota,  
United States

Gender: Female

Age: 26

Marital Status: Married

Race: White

Relationship to Head of Household: Wife

Birthplace: Minnesota

Birth Year (Estimated): 1914

Last Place of Residence: Chicago, Cook, Illinois

Household Gender Age Birthplace

Head Marvin Golberg M 27 Minnesota

Wife Ida F Golberg F 26 Minnesota

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Son Ralph J Golberg M 1 Minnesota

Sister - Born May 15, 1945 and Died Aug. 22, 2011 - Bette Gale  
Golberg Charney.

\*\*\*\*\* From an Old Classmate

Larry "Shamrock" Golberg, one of my favorite flying buddies in  
Flight School, Class 56P Laredo TX. You left us much too soon. Still  
think of you often. RIP, my friend.

Ben Shuppert  
We served together  
Thursday, December 29, 2005

COL - O6 - Air Force - Reserve  
Casualty was on Aug 8, 1966  
In NORTH VIETNAM  
MILITARY DATA  
Service: United States Air Force  
Grade at loss: O3  
Rank: Colonel  
Note: Promoted while in MIA status  
ID No: 471307641  
MOS: 1115: Pilot  
Unit: 555TH TAC FTR SQDN, 8TH TAC FTR WING, 7TH AF

CASUALTY DATA  
Incident Date: 08/08/1966  
Casualty Date: 08/08/1966  
Age at Loss: 33  
Location: Province not reported, North Vietnam  
Remains: 1966 status: Body Not Recovered. Found later.  
Repatriated: 09/30/1977 (Returned to US soil)  
Identified: 10/25/1977  
Casualty Type: Hostile, died while missing  
Casualty Reason: Fixed Wing - Pilot  
Casualty Detail: Air loss or crash over land

Hostile, died while missing, FIXED WING - PILOT  
AIR LOSS, CRASH ON LAND

Body was recovered  
Panel 09E - Line 112

Other Personnel in Incident:

Border Ha Bac/Long Son 25 miles SW of China  
CACCF CRASH/PILOT POSTHUMOUS PROMOTION

No further information available at this time.

On Aug 8, 1966 the 555th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 8th Tactical Fighter Wing, lost F-4C 63-7660, call sign 'Ozark' following a Rolling Thunder Armed Reconnaissance mission over North Vietnam.

After delivering their ordnance against trucks, the aircraft was beginning the run home when hit by anti-aircraft fire and crashed into the jungle.

Colonel (then Captain) Golberg and Major (then 1st Lt.) Wynne were listed as 'Missing in Action'

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Lawrence Golberg was born on December 31, 1932, near Duluth, the son of Ida Golberg.

Mr. Golberg was a graduate of the University of Minnesota and the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.

In 1966, he was one of the first Air Force F-4 pilots to shoot down a communist MIG-17 during a combat air patrol mission for a downed RF-101 pilot.

His rank was Colonel.

Col Golberg and Maj. Patrick Wynne were killed in action on August 8, 1966, when the F-4C Phantom plane they were piloting crashed in the jungle over North Vietnam after a reconnaissance mission.

Source: Duluth News Tribune, November 24, 2007 (see article, below);

"Duluth Native to Be Honored"

A ceremony will be held Tuesday at Arnold Air Force Base in Tennessee to commemorate two military veterans killed in action, including one from Duluth, Minnesota.

Col. Lawrence Golberg was born in 1932 near Duluth and was a graduate of the University of Minnesota and the Reserve Officers

Training Corps program. In 1966, he was one of the first Air Force F-4 pilots to shoot down a communist MIG-17 during a combat air patrol mission for a downed RF-101 pilot. He and Maj. Patrick Wynne, who also will be honored at the ceremony, were killed in action on August 8, 1966, when the F-4C Phantom plane they were piloting crashed in the jungle over North Vietnam after a reconnaissance mission.

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## Gravesite Details

Parents are buried here. GPS is for Hawaii Memorial.

## Family Members

### Parents



Marvin London Golberg  
1912-1995



Ida F. *Cohen* Golberg  
1917-1999

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