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Jim Bannerman. Photograph taken at the October 2005 AFNOA Reunion in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

DR. JAMES W. BANNERMAN

Dr James W. Bannerman passed away, with his family at his side, on February 8th, 2017. He was born on May 26th, 1928 in Washington, DC. He was a retired 25-year veteran who served his country in both the Marine Corps and as an officer in the U.S. Air Force. Dr. Bannerman learned aerial navigation at Ellington AFB, Texas, and was graduated with Ellington Class 55-06. While serving in the Air Force, Jim was decorated for his work on the Apollo Space program, including the Apollo 11 mission, mankind's first lunar landing, in 1969.

Jim was also an accomplished academic, earning Bachelor's degrees in Electrical and Mechanical

Engineering from the University of Maryland. Jim earned his PhD in Education Administration from Nova University in 1980 and led the Industrial Engineering Technology Department at Georgia Tech and then the Southern Technical Institute in Marietta, Georgia, for nearly 20 years.

Jim was very active in the Daytona Beach community as the Master of Masonic Lodge 81, a long-time Rotarian, a member of the Board of Visitors at Embry Riddle University, the Code Enforcement Board of the City of Daytona Beach and as a mediator for the Volusia County Court System. Jim was a generous philanthropist touching thousands of lives as a volunteer, tutor and mentor. He was recognized in 2004 by the United Way as their Volunteer of the Year in Daytona Beach, and by President George W Bush in 2006 as a "Daily point of light".

A skilled pilot, sailor and proud Scotsman, Jim cultivated so many of his friendships through the organizations he loved, including the Daytona Beach Pipes and Drums, the Confederate Air Force, and The Ancient and Secret Order of the Quiet Birdmen. He served as President and later as Scholarship Chairman of the Air Force Navigators Observers Association. He will always be fondly remembered as a soldier, an engineer, a teacher, a mentor, and philanthropist.

He made his most greatest mark as a husband, father and grandfather. Jim is survived by Eleanor, his wife of 58 years, sons Steve and John, daughters Linda and Vicki and grandchildren Caroline, Katy, Elyse, Laurina and Hannah. Services for Jim were held in Daytona Beach on Saturday, February 11. The family has requested donations to the Halifax Humane society in lieu of flowers.
