



## David Martin Ballard

David Martin Ballard, 68, of Houston, Texas, died December 4, 2015 from complications of cancer. He was born in Charleston, West Virginia on August 1, 1947 to Charles William and Virginia (Hagaman) Ballard. David received his MBA from the University of Cincinnati. He was a Captain in the United States Air Force, receiving the National Defense Service Medal for his service in Guam. David was a strong supporter of the Houston Safari Club and the National Rifle Association. He was an avid fisherman, scuba diver, and reader of Clive Cussler novels. He is survived by his daughter and dive buddy, Lindsay Catherine Ballard of Miami, FL; his sister and brother-in-law, Barbara and Tom Kyle; and by his niece, Lesley Kyle. A memorial will be held at sea in West Palm Beach, Florida in March. In lieu of flowers, his daughter is requesting a donation be made to the Palm Beach County Diving Association Artificial Reef Fund in Lake Park, Florida. Donations may be made in his memory through Pura Vida Divers (561.840.8750) on Singer Island, Florida. "Man, the Admiral's going to be mad when he hears you lost his satellite phone." "Not as mad as when Rudi tells him it was attached to the boat." - Sahara