

Tripp House, Scranton  
December 28, 2005

High Flight

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth  
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;  
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth  
Of sun-split clouds—and done a hundred things  
You have not dreamed of—wheeled and soared and swung  
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,  
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung  
My eager craft through footless halls of air.  
Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue  
I've topped the windswept heights with easy grace  
Where never lark, or even eagle flew.  
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod  
The high untrespassed sanctity of space  
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

- RCAF Flight Lt. John Gillespie Magee Jr.

David Lee Fielding, 38, of Scranton died Sunday at Mercy Hospice after a courageous battle with cancer. His wife is the former Gail Edwin, formerly of Vancouver, Canada.

Born May 30, 1967, in Allentown, son of Mona Fielding, Clarks Summit, he attended Abington Heights High School and graduated from Penn State in 1989 with a degree in graphic arts. He was a designer and art director for local ad agencies, and for eight years, was IT manager at Llewellyn and McKane, a commercial printer in Wilkes-Barre.

David's passion for aviation began at a young age. He designed, built and flew remote controlled aircraft in the early 1990s, then subsequently obtained his pilot's license. Since then, he logged more than 750 hours of flight time, attained instrument rating and was working toward an instructor rating. In 2003, he purchased a restored 1954 Piper Tri-Pacer and spent many weekends of enjoyment exploring regional skies.

He was very active as a volunteer in the Civil Air Patrol, an auxiliary of the Air Force. He participated in search-and-rescue operations, cadet training and aerospace education. He was squadron commander of the Mount Pocono Composite Squadron 207, and recently received promotion to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

He was a loving son, nephew, husband, and friend of many. He made an indelible impression on everyone who met him and will be greatly missed.

Also surviving are an aunt and uncle, Pearl and Joseph Ecker, Scranton.

The family extends a special thank you to Mercy Hospital, Hematology and Oncology Associates, and Northeast Radiation and Oncology Clinic for their support and efforts during the past four months.

# David Lee Fielding



*May 30, 1967 - December 18, 2005*

The best portion of a good man's life,  
His little, nameless, unremembered acts,  
Of kindness and of love.

- Wordsworth

## *Order of Service*

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**7:00**

**Civil Air Patrol, Squadron 207**

**Frank Arnold**

**Les Lanphear**

**Christopher Cameron**

**Dan Simrell**

**7:30**

**Friends are invited to share stories and memories of David.**

**9:00**

**Light fare will be served in the dining room until 10:00.**

*May 30, 2006*

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Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome  
Rhinebeck, New York

David's ashes will be scattered in flight over his favorite place – the Aerodrome – on what would've been his 39<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Further details will be announced closer to the date.

If you wish to participate, please leave your contact details on an index card to be notified later.

*In Thanks*

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A compilation music CD from David's personal collection is available to take home.

*In Memory*

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Please consider a tax-deductible donation to any of the following organizations:

Civil Air Patrol  
Squadron 207  
c/o Robert Misiak  
103 Walnut Lane  
Greentown, PA 18426

Rhinebeck Aerodrome Museum  
PO Box 229  
Rhinebeck, NY 12572

The Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group (ECOG) Research and Education Foundation  
In memory of David Fielding for Lung Cancer Research  
1818 Market Street  
Suite 1100  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

The Lung Cancer Alliance  
888 16th Street, NW  
Suite 800  
Washington, DC 20006