

## McDonnell Douglas F-4D #65-0697

**August 28, 1978**

On the evening of August 28, 1978, F-4D #65-0697 took off from Hill AFB, Utah. The aircraft was with the 388th Tactical Fighter Wing, 34th Tactical Fighter Squadron. In the pilot's seat was 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Mark Fellows, and in the rear seat was weapons system operator/navigator Capt. Ronald Brownlow. The F-4D was one of three aircraft on an initial tactics training flight which began with a low-level, high-speed road reconnaissance phase and was to end with a live ordnance drop on the Utah Test and Training Range. On takeoff #65-0697 showed an unsafe flap condition indication in the cockpit, but this was remedied by recycling the flaps. The aircraft proceeded with the low-level reconnaissance phase of the mission, but right before reaching its second checkpoint turn it collided with terrain near Park Valley, Utah. The aircraft was completely destroyed, and both men were killed instantly. Today less than one percent of the aircraft remains. Special thanks to Mike Lyons for help with finding this crash site. Site visited on 7/16/21.



















1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Mark A. Fellows in his 1976 U.S. Air Force Academy graduation photo

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Capt. Ronald W. Brownlow

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F-4D #65-0697 at Hill AFB, Utah, in the spring of 1978, just prior to the accident  
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