

### **Douglas AD-4N Skyraider BuNo 126935**

Douglas AD-4N BuNo 126935 was built in 1952 for the U.S. Navy as a three-seat night attack version of the Skyraider. In 1961 it was delivered to the French Air Force, and went to the Chad Air Force in 1976. In 1989 the aircraft returned to the United States under private ownership and was given civil registration N2088G. In 2000 it was purchased by pilot Danny Summers, and was one of five warbirds he displayed at the Legacy Flight Museum in Rexburg, Idaho. On March 8, 2011, Summers and passenger Jodi Wyatt flew the Skyraider to Wendover, Utah. On the afternoon return trip to Rexburg, they encountered bad weather near the Idaho-Nevada state line. The pilot attempted to turn around, but became disoriented in zero visibility conditions. At 4:30 p.m. the aircraft struck trees and crashed in the Sawtooth National Forest about 30 miles south of Twin Falls, Idaho. Summers and Wyatt were both killed. The fuselage and engine were removed by NTSB investigators, but today many pieces of the aircraft still remain. Site visited on 7/31/18. Special thanks to Trent Whitney, Kirk Howe, and Chris LeFave for help with finding this crash site.



A view of the crash shortly after it occurred (Courtesy of Twin Falls County)



A piece of heavy cast aluminum and a cross placed at the site by unknown persons





Chris LeFave holds part of the cockpit canopy frame





Part of the "stars and bars" from the aircraft's markings







An imitation machine gun barrel fitted to the Skyraider after the original armament was removed



(Left to right) Kirk Howe, Trent Whitney, and Chris LeFave at the crash site



Pilot Danny Summers, of Sugar City, Idaho (Courtesy of Idaho State Journal)



Passenger Jodi Wyatt of Rexburg, Idaho (Courtesy of Legacy.com)



BuNo 126935 in flight over south east Idaho (Courtesy of Idaho State Journal)

