

Bob Greene

From: Donald Jackson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 10:15 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Another Tiger Has Passed

Bob, another story about Sonny and 663 - we were at Ca May doing C& L missions. The SSG coordinating the loads asked me how much we could carry. I told him: "About 900 pounds.". Then I said: "that's pounds, not kilos." Sure enough, he put 900 kilos on board. Fortunately we were light on fuel. Sonny lifted to a hover and started forward. The ship shuddered and settled to the ground. I sZsid I would off load some cargo, but he told me to sit tight and he was able to coax her into the air. I am sure that equal finesse was required when we landed with that load!

Don

Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE Droid

On Aug 12, 2020 9:31 PM, Bob Geeene [REDACTED] wrote:

Don, I envy your phenomenal memory. Wish I could say I remember Sonny, but I am sure glad you do. Your little story rings so true. I'm certainly sorry he is gone, but glad he is not forgotten. The below needs to be in the 1967/Stories and emails.

From: Donald Jackson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 5:12 PM
To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Another Tiger Has Passed

To say I feel his loss is so inadequate. Sonny flew as A/C of 663 quite often because he could coax good performance out of that tired old dog. I recall one time in the fall of 1967 when we had picked up the troops and the flight was forming up. everybody was in place except Sonny, who was at least 100 yards out of formation. Trail called: "Close it up, Gold 5." He replied: "I'll get there when I get there!" At that time 663 would only give you 30" of torque, and he was heavily loaded.

He will be missed.

Don

-----Original Message-----

From: Dave Cunningham [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tue, Aug 11, 2020 2:58 pm
Subject: Another Tiger Has Passed

Gents,

We have lost another brother. Roland (Sonny) Mayer passed away on 2 August 2020. He was a pilot with the 121st in 66-67.

Dave