

## **General Dynamics F-111A #67-0102**

**January 12, 1988**

On January 12, 1988, F-111A #67-0102 departed from Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, for a routine training mission. The aircraft was with the 389th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 366th Tactical Fighter Wing. In the cockpit was instructor pilot Capt. Frederick Gerhart and student pilot Capt. Robert Meyer. As the aircraft left the runway the right-hand canopy popped open, causing significant aerodynamic drag. The F-111A rolled over inverted, stalled, and crashed a short distance from the base. Both pilots were killed instantly. Today most of the aircraft has been removed, but numerous small pieces are scattered across several hundred yards. Special thanks to Jennifer McDonald for help with locating this crash site. Site visited on 10/1/21.

















Capt. Frederick A. Gerhart, in his ROTC photo at the University of Montana, Bozeman, in 1976. He was from Missoula, Montana. (Courtesy of Ancestry.com and Lynda McDonald)





Capt. Robert A. Meyer, Jr., from Cincinnati, Ohio.

(Courtesy of the Cincinnati Enquirer, Newspapers.com, and David Mihalik)



F-111A #67-0102, accompanied by three F-4Es, refuels from a KC-135 tanker over Taiwan in 1974. (Courtesy of Wikipedia)