

Outer Space Ned Tarrington: The Man Who Spent 40 Years Exploring the Final Frontier



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Ned Tarrington was an American astronaut who spent 40 years exploring the final frontier. He was a pioneer in space exploration and helped to pave the way for future astronauts. This article will explore his life and career.

Early Life and Education

Ned Tarrington was born in 1935 in a small town in Nebraska. He was always fascinated by space and dreamed of becoming an astronaut. After graduating from high school, he attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he earned a degree in aerospace engineering.

NASA Career

In 1961, Tarrington joined NASA's astronaut corps. He was one of the first astronauts to be selected for the Apollo program, which would eventually put a man on the moon. However, Tarrington never made it to the moon.

He was assigned to the Gemini 12 mission, which was the last Gemini mission before the Apollo program began. The Gemini 12 mission was a success, and Tarrington became the first astronaut to perform a spacewalk.

After the Gemini 12 mission, Tarrington was assigned to the Apollo 13 mission. However, he was removed from the mission after he was diagnosed with a heart condition. Tarrington was devastated, but he continued to work at NASA. He helped to develop the Space Shuttle program and served as the director of the Johnson Space Center.

Later Career

In 1995, Tarrington retired from NASA. He continued to work in the space industry, serving as a consultant for various companies. He also wrote a book about his experiences as an astronaut. Tarrington died in 2020 at the age of 85.

Legacy

Ned Tarrington was a pioneer in space exploration. He helped to pave the way for future astronauts and made significant contributions to the field of space exploration. He will be remembered as one of the greatest astronauts of all time.

Additional Information

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