



Lt. Col. Charles W. Harriss, U.S.A.F., Ret.

November 4, 1923 - July 12, 2006

Lt. Col. Charles W. Harriss, USAF-Ret., age 82, of Swansea, IL., died Wednesday, July 12, 2006, at Decedent's Residence in Swansea, IL.

He was born November 4, 1923, in Christopher, IL., the son of Orville and Ima (Norman) Harriss.

He was a member of First Baptist Church-Christopher, IL.

He was also a member of Am Leg. Post #58@ Freeburg, IL; Air Force Assoc.; Daedaleon Assoc.; Retired Officers Assoc.; TKE Fraternity

Lt. Col. Harriss was born at Christopher, IL; graduated from Christopher High School in 1941; enrolled at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. Enlisted in Army Air Corp. in November of 1942; retired in 1970. He started a second career with the Civil Service Administration. He ran the C-9 pilot training program at at Scott AFB; was a Pilot & Systems Instructor for the 375th Medical Airlift Command at Scott. He worked for civil service from July 1971 to March 1986. Among his accomplishments: flew B-24's in WWII; two tours in Korean flying B-29's & RF-80's; part of the Military Air Lift Command flying the C-124 Globemaster; attached to Headquarters of MAC at Scott AFB flying C-9's & Sabreliners; survived two forced landings due to combat damage; had expeditionary tours in Lebanon, Berlin & The Congo. He had received the Distinguished Flying Cross w/ 1 Oak Leaf Cluster; Meritorious Service Medal; Air Medal w/ Oak Leaf Clusters. Lt. Col. Harriss enjoyed playing golf & bowling.

Survivors include Sister-Mrs. Arlyne L Loudon of Highland, Ill., Sister in-law-Mrs. Nancy Harriss of Tuscola, Ill., Niece-Kay Livingston of Highland, Ill., Nephew-Clayton Harriss of Tuscola, Ill., Nephew-Thomas Harriss of Tuscola, Ill., Gr Nieces & Nephews-Many

He was preceded in death by Father-Orville Wilks Harriss, Mother-Ima Jewell (Norman) Harriss, Brother-O. Paige Harriss (died 1985)

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, Ill.

Interment will be at Highland City Cemetery in Highland, Ill.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society.