

Virgil Bondurant Lindsey

Retired USAF Lt. Col. Virgil B. "Ace" Lindsey, the former commander of the 2862nd GEEIA Squadron, 89, of Prescott, Arizona died peacefully Sunday, July 13th, 2008 at Hospice Family Care with his wife Hazel, daughter Ann, and stepdaughter Lynn at his bedside.

He was born October 12, 1918, the youngest son of Jacob A. and Annie B. Lindsey of Washington, North Carolina, and was educated in his hometown public schools and at Wake Forest University.

In December 1941, he was commissioned as a pilot in the U.S. Army Air Corps and served his country, flying first P-40s and P-39s and later piloting B-17s during World War II in the South Pacific, earning the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, and Purple Heart. After his flying days, Ace completed his 31 years of active duty as commander of engineering and communication squadrons in U.S. and international locations from Maine, New York, Wyoming, and Florida to Japan, French Morocco, Puerto Rico, Germany, and Thailand. Following his retirement in 1972, Ace continued his lifelong interest and participation in sports. He enjoyed golf and was particularly skillful on the tennis court.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother James of Maitland, Florida; his first wife Jane Highsmith Lindsey of Atkinson, North Carolina; and his second wife Marilyn Borwell Lindsey of Prescott. He is survived by his brothers Julian of Winston Salem, North Carolina, and Richard of Tarpon, Florida; his daughters Ann L. Sult (James) of Prescott and Virginia L. Cole of Laramie, Wyoming, his granddaughter Jane of Tucson; his grandsons James B. Sult, Jr. of Pheonix and Collin T. Sult (Leslie) of Tucson; his great-grandson Ian J. Sult of Tucson; and many nieces and nephews. He was also the devoted stepfather of Lynn House of Prescott, Kathryn Schmidt of Oklahoma, Karen Simmons of California, Jason Hartjen of Connecticut, Eric Hartjen of Pheonix, and John Hartjen of Colorado.

A memorial service was held July 19th, 2008 at the Prescott United Methodist Church, with a reception to follow at the church. Cremation has taken place, and burial with full military honors will occur at a later date.

Ace was the consummate Southern gentleman and will be remembered for his generosity, love of animals, evenhandedness, and beautiful blue eyes. Soar high, gentle warrior.