

Remember Them Forever (RTF)

Name: Adair Leston Franks

Born: 11 December 1916
Canton, Texas

Died: 24 April 2009
Haltom City, Texas

Cemetery name: Flower Mound Presbyterian Cemetery
Cemetery Location: 1501 Flower Mound Road, Flower Mound, Texas 75028
Plot (GPS): 33.013062, -97.05278
Section: Center

Family: Adair was the son of Harry Tracy Franks and Eula Atcher Stovall. He had two brothers and one sister. Adair graduated from Canton's North Side High School, where he was a member of ROTC. In 1953 Adair was married to Frances Louise Spinks. Adair and Frances had one daughter whom they named Deborah.

Military: Adair was inducted into the U. S. Army at Fort Sill, Oklahoma on 1 December 1941. There he was assigned to the 8th Air Force, 413th Bomber Squadron, serving on a B-17 as a first lieutenant and later becoming the lead group navigator. During the war, he flew 35 missions out of England. Following the end of WWII Adair resigned from the Air Force, only to re-enlist in 1947. He held the rank of Master Sergeant at his first retirement. Adair worked as an air traffic controller from 1950 until 1963 and held the rank of 1st Lieutenant.

War: WWII; Korea
Branch: Army, Air Force
Rank: Master Sergeant, 1st Lieutenant

Civilian: In 1965 he joined the U.S. Postal Service, working until his retirement in 1982. In his later years, Adair enjoyed gardening, volunteering with the ASPCA, and tinkering in his workshop. His life according to family was, "God, country, and honor".

Education: Adair received an AA degree from Tarrant County College during the years he worked for the Postal Service.

Sources: FindAGrave memorial 36592941, Fort Worth Star-Telegram obituary dated 1 May 2009 (page A8)

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