



## Carl E. Rice

December 2, 1916 - July 12, 2011

Carl E. Rice, Lt. Col USAF Retired went to be with the Lord on July 12, 2011 at the age of 94. He was born on December 2, 1916 near Longton, Kansas. After teaching 3 years in a one-room country school, he was drafted into the US Army on May 1941. Following completion of infantry Basic Training, he volunteered for pilot training with the AAF and received his wings on October 1942. He then served 2 tours as a B-25 Pilot, Flight Leader and SQDN Ops Officer. In North Africa, Corsica and Italy, 1943-1945, during which time he flew 77 bombing missions. Following a tour with HQ USAF in Wiesbaden, Germany 1949 - 51, and subsequent stateside administrative assignments, he was assigned to strategic air command air refueling operations. After 2 years as senior controller of a tanker alert SQDN at Ft. Churchill, Manitoba, Canada, he was assigned to the air refueling SQDN at Mt. Home AFB Idaho, which he subsequently commanded, and finally deactivated in 1966. After 2 years at Vandenberg AFB, California, he retired in 1968. Following military retirement, he was a representative for GPM Life Insurance of San Antonio until final retirement in 1980. In the course of his service, he was designated command pilot. Carl received some 13 military awards/decorations including the Silver Star, DFC, Air Medal with 10 oak leaf clusters, 4 Commendation Medals and other citations and service medals. He is preceded in death by his sisters and brother. Carl is survived by his wife Mary Sanders-Rice; daughters, Ann Hodson, Nancy Teall and Betsy Smith; step-daughter, Heidi Burkholder; step-son, Tom Sanders; grandchildren, Brandi, Shelby, Michael, Joshua and

numerous other grandchildren and great grandchildren.

## SERVICES

A visitation will be held at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North from 6:00 - 8:00 PM on Monday, July 18, 2011. A church service will be held at 9:30 AM on Tuesday, July 19, 2011 at House of Prayer Lutheran Church with interment to follow at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in Memory of Carl Rice to the House of Prayer Lutheran Church, 10226 Ironside Drive, San Antonio Texas 78230.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Dear Rice Family:*

*Please accept my deepest sympathies on the loss of your beloved.  
There are never any right words to express how deeply sad I am for  
the pain your family is enduring at this difficult time.*

*Although I did not have the honor and*

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**Senator Leticia Van de Putte** - July 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM