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Colonel Charles August Quist, Jr., USAF, Ret., passed away peacefully at his home on the evening of Monday, April 20, 2015, at the age of 93. Col. Quist was born in Austin, Texas on July 28, 1921 to the late Charles A. Quist, Sr., and Winnie MacIntosh Quist. He joined the Texas National Guard in 1937, and after mobilization for the Second World War, undertook pilot training in 1942 and flew a wide range of aircraft during the war. After the war, he continued his service as a pilot in the Texas Air National Guard, rising in rank and responsibility to command the 149th "Lone Star Gunfighter" Fighter Group currently the 149th Fighter Wing from 1965 until his retirement in 1976. During his over eleven years of Command, Col. Quist led the 149th to a stellar record of success that included the distinction of being the first ever Air Force unit to earn an "Outstanding" rating four years in a row. Col. Quist married his wife, the late Charlotte Quist, in 1953 and moved to San Antonio to take up responsibilities with his new Air Force unit. His stepson, Rick Dillard, is President of American Classic Tours and Music Festivals in San Antonio. His son, Terry Quist, is a recently retired colonel in the Army National Guard who continues to serve as a Federal civil servant in Arlington, VA, with his family home in Brookline, MA. Besides his sons, Col. Quist is survived by daughters-in-law, Jo Scurlock-Dillard of San Antonio and Maria Meylikhova of Brookline,

MA, and grandchildren, Kris Dillard of Los Angeles, CA, Dr. Miriam Laura Page of Houston, TX, Mark Quist of Fairfax, VA, and Rachel Quist of Austin, TX. Col. Quist was preceded in death by his parents and by his sister, Mary Quist Edwards, who, inspired by her brother, joined the WASPs and flew aircraft during the Second World War.