



Mr. Robert King

June 12, 2009

Lieutenant Colonel Robert Lewis King (USAF, Retired), received his last flight mission on Friday, June 12, 2009 when he entered into eternal rest. Best known as "Bob" to friends and affectionately named "Ta Ta" by his family, he was the oldest of five children born March 29, 1919 in Newark, N.J. Bob enlisted in the New Jersey State Militia, the last all black militia in the U.S. in 1939. He later went on to transfer to the New Jersey National Guard, serving his enlistment until selected to attend Officer Commissioning School. He graduated as a Signal Corps 2nd Lieutenant in 1942. He served in combat in WWII as a communication officer for the acclaimed Tuskegee Airmen's 332nd Fighter Group. Upon his return, Bob was assigned to the 93rd Bomb Wing in California. In 1951, during the Korean War, he was assigned overseas with the Far East Air Forces Bomber Command. Following the war, he climbed the ranks serving many important command and headquarters assignments. He was a highly decorated officer receiving such accolades as the Bronze Star, the Air Force Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, American Defense Service Medal, the American Campaign Medal, Europe-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, WWII Victory Medal, Army of Occupation WWII Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal and the United Nations Service Medal. Following 23 years of dedicated service, Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. King retired from the Air Force. Robert was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Anna D. King; daughter, Florence Elkerson; and he is survived by his

daughter, Alecia Renee King; brothers, Frank J. King and Kenneth H. King. four grandchildren, Deirdra Richardson (Gregory), Crystal Melchor (Gary), Robyn Elkerson and Sieгна Willis; seven great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren. A service celebrating his legacy will be held Friday, June 19, 2009 at 10:30 A.M. in our GWINNETT Chapel. Bishop William L. Sheals, Senior Pastor. Minister Veta Blanding, Eulogist. Full Military Honors will be held at Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, GA.

Tribute Wall



“ *May Uncle Robbie rest in peace. Alecia (Renee) King. I am trying to contact you. P*

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“ *We offer condolences and encouragement from the Bible. Jesus' words at John 14:1 states: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Exercise faith in God, exercise faith also in me." God's Word assures us that: "The hour is coming when all those in the memorial tombs will hear Jesus' voice and come out." -John 5:28,29. What a loving provision!###imported-begin##Beulah Parks & Family###imported-end##*

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