



David Mondt

December 15, 1922 - June 18, 2011

David Earl Mondt, 88, was a pilot who had been grounded for too many years. On Saturday evening, June 11, 2011, after taking a fall on Friday, the Tower cleared his soul for take-off on his final flight. He was born December 15, 1922, to Earl Adam and Texas Elfie (Livingston) Mondt in Boone, Iowa. After graduating from Boone High School in 1941, David completed one year of Junior College. He was only 18 years old when he joined the Army Air Corps as a mechanic. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, he applied for pilot training and upon graduation was commissioned as an officer. Assigned to the 62nd Troop Carrier Squadron, he flew C-47's dropping paratroopers, supplies, and pulling gliders. David was involved in the first wave of D-Day in France. He flew many missions including Operation Husky, Market Garden and Varsity. After the war, David returned to Boone and married the only woman he ever loved, Yvonna Mae Tingwald. The adoration began in high school where he would follow Yvonna down the hallways because, as he often said, he liked to look at her beautiful legs. David joined the Iowa National Guard in Boone serving from 1948 to 1973. He was a Commanding Officer and retired as a Lt. Colonel. During that time, he had the honor of flying then-Governor Robert D. Ray to the inauguration of President Nixon. In addition to flying fixed-wing aircraft he also flew both Bell and HUEY helicopters. From 1960-1970, David was a Justice of the Peace for Boone County until the position was abolished. As a young man, he delivered milk for Peerless Dairy; then represented Bankers Life Insurance Company for 20 years; and eventually formed his own business, The Reminder's Company, which he operated until he retired. Beginning in 1971, David began the task of contacting members of his WWII Squadron. He organized reunions for 33 years, eventually joining up with the still existing 62nd headquartered at Little Rock Air Force Base. He was instrumental in the creation of a Heritage Museum for the Squadron which is located at the Base. The history of the 62nd is displayed along with clothing and memorabilia from original members of the Squadron which is also known as "The Yacht Club." He organized the original members of the Squadron to march in the Washington, D.C. parade honoring the 50th Anniversary of the Airborne in the U.S. Army. He also arranged for the men to go to Europe for both the 40th and 50th anniversaries of D-Day. David was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Elks Lodge, American Legion, Cockleburrs and for 50 years, the First

United Methodist Church, where he taught fourth-grade Sunday School class and was an usher for many years. David is survived by Yvonna; four daughters, Connie Cross, Carol Vena-Mondt, Davi Lowman and Denice Mondt; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was greeted in heaven by grandson Jay. A celebration of life will take place at the First United Methodist Church in Boone on Saturday morning, June 18th with Rev. Phil Webb officiating. Please feel comfortable wearing festive and light-colored clothing. Coffee and donuts will be served in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. prior to the service at 11:00 a.m.. Burial will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery west of Boone on Highway 30 with military honors provided by the Veterans Council of Boone. Memorial contributions may be made to the family in loving memory of David for establishment of a college scholarship.

Comments



“ I did the computer work for Dave when he started The Reminders Company and for the next few years, until I moved to Florida, and now to Chicago. When he was made a Kentucky Colonel he insisted I be made one too. He was a clever and innovative guy, and over the years I often thought of looking him up again, so I did just now and discovered I am months too late. Farewell friend, we'll catch up with each other in heaven.

Stan Zegel - August 06, 2011 at 09:55 PM



“ A true hero has left for greener pastures. He will be missed by all those that have learned that the 62nd family will live long beyond Dave Mondt, but most importantly solely because of him! My command of the 62nd will always be remembered because of the Mondt family and their belief in the traditions that must be passed from generation to generation. God Bless.

Scott and Linda

Col Scott and Linda Decker - June 23, 2011 at 06:19 PM



“ If you could please pass this along to the family, I would be most appreciative. I did not know Mr. Mondt, but I think he may have served with my father in North Africa in the 62nd Troop Carrier Group. Just yesterday I was researching the 62nd, and found Mr. Mondt's name and found he is recently deceased. I am so sorry to hear of your loss, and feel I have lost a possible connection to my father, who died in 1953 when I was two. If you would like to contact me at some point, I would be happy to hear from you.

Erin Rainwater - June 23, 2011 at 11:45 AM



“ Your strength will prevail over your heavy heart. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Derek Chance & Family - June 22, 2011 at 12:10 PM



“ Mrs Mondt and family,

Janet and I send our sincerest condolences. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Dave Mondt was a great American, he touched many lives. We have fond memories of the times we spent together at the Yacht Club reunions while we served in the 62nd Airlift Squadron at Little Rock.

Damon & Janet Booth

Damon Booth - June 20, 2011 at 12:56 PM



“ Davi and family - I am so very sorry to hear about your Dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Teri Farley Wagner - June 18, 2011 at 12:36 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy in your time of loss. How long you grieve is not how deeply your loved. David will forever be in your hearts! Bless you all.

John and Chris Winter - June 17, 2011 at 07:35 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to the Mondt family. I was your neighbor across the alley and classmate of DeeDee's at Bryant.

Diane Bauer Russ - June 16, 2011 at 04:10 PM



“ Connie and your lovely sisters and mother.
I remember your Dad so well. When I was small he was our milkman and my brother and I would run to meet him at the door.
Then I met him again later when I met Connie in 7th grade and spent time in the family home. What a fun household with all the girls and Mother and Dave as Father.
I send wishes of comfort and fond memories and Love.

Kathy Fullerton Brown

Kathy Fullerton Brown - June 16, 2011 at 02:27 PM



“ Mondt girls, Im sorry to hear about your your loss. Please accept my condolences.
Lauren

Lauren Taylor - June 16, 2011 at 02:01 PM



“ With sympathies,

Travis, Stacey & Vanessa Givens

Stacey Givens - June 16, 2011 at 10:04 AM



“ Girls, I'm so sorry to hear about Dave. He was one of a kind. But I do think I hear him and Max laughing it up in that downtown office in the sky.

Mike McCoy - June 16, 2011 at 09:50 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. We have many fond memories of our backyard neighbors.

Jacque and Bobi North - June 16, 2011 at 09:32 AM



“ Connie & Family,
So very sorry to hear of your loss. He sounded like an amazing man. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Pam

Pam Abarr - June 15, 2011 at 10:34 AM



“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Our love to all your family.

Tom and Sue Ferry - June 15, 2011 at 09:18 AM



“ Davi, Carol, Connie, DeeDee, and of course, Mom. Many hugs to each of you.

Jo Hendricks - June 14, 2011 at 10:54 PM



“ As I read about Dave's life I couldn't help but fondly remembering him as my Sunday School teacher. He always seemed to have a smile on his face and he was always your friend. My sincere sympathy to all his girls.

Lorraine Wirtz Snider - June 14, 2011 at 08:15 PM



“ I know the Mondt girls were very proud of there father for many good reasons. We are sorry to hear of his passing.

Pat and Terry Olofson - June 14, 2011 at 06:07 PM



“ Our deepest condolences to the Mondt Family. Having attended many 62nd TAS (TCS) reunions at Little Rock AFB we thoroughly enjoyed Dave's zest for life and the honor he brought to our squadron. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as we honor a great American hero.

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Larry J Chodzko
Colonel USAF (Retired)

Col Larry and Ruth Chodzko - June 14, 2011 at 05:47 PM



“ Dear David Mondts All:

I remember cousin David with such happiness and affection. We was a welcoming, loving man even to cousins from way east. His vitality and joy for life was admirable and set an example for all of us.

i will be thinking of you all for a long time to come.

Love, Georgiejl5ph

George Higgins - June 14, 2011 at 05:28 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to David's whole family in their loss of a great man and hero. I'll always remember his sense of humor and fun spirit. He will be missed by all.
Love, Terry

Terry Dannatt - June 14, 2011 at 12:18 PM



“ Mondt family members, May the many memories you have of Dave help ease your loss. Thinking of you! Shelly and Marty Dannatt

Shelly and Marty Dannatt - June 13, 2011 at 07:24 PM



“ Our sincere sympathies in your loss.

Kenny & Marge Bollenbaugh

Marge Bollenbaugh - June 13, 2011 at 12:57 PM