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WILLIAM L. MCILHARGIE,
COLONEL, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
1922-2005

Colonel William L. McIlhargie enlisted in the US Army Air Corps in November 1942. He subsequently earned his navigator's wings and was commissioned a second lieutenant in February 1944. He served in the European Theater of Operations where he flew 20 combat missions in B-17s. While flying a bombing raid on 6 July 1944, his aircraft was shot down and he spent the next eleven months as a prisoner-of-war. Remaining in the reserves after World War II, he was recalled to active duty during the Korean War. He served in various operational assignments with Strategic Air Command and later commanded support organizations at the squadron and base-level, to include his final assignment as Deputy Commander of Ubon Royal Thai Air Force Base. Colonel McIlhargie died on 3 October 2005. He is survived by his wife of fifty-nine years, Jenny McIlhargie, three children, and two grandchildren.

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