



*Man's Flight
Through Life Is
Sustained By The
Power Of His
Knowledge*

TO HONOR

THOMAS ALVIN PERSONETT

COLONEL UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

1918-2006

Tom Personett was born in Wakita, Oklahoma 19 July, 1918. He graduated from Texas Southwestern University and from the Air Corps Flying School as a Second Lieutenant, Airplane Pilot, in the Class of 42. He went to Europe with the 59th Fighter Group in World War II and flew 100 combat missions over the Continent. After the war, he served in Bolivia, Turkey, West Berlin, and on the MACV staff in Saigon,, Viet Nam, retiring in January 1971 as a Command Pilot and a full colonel. Tom's decorations include the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf cluster, the Air Force Distinguished Flying Medal, the Air Medal with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Purple Heart, and many other decorations-both foreign and domestic. He died 23 October 2006 and is survived by his wife, Gilda Marie. Married for 56 years, Tom and Gilda Marie had three fine sons.

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