



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

TO HONOR
JOHN A. RIFFLE
COLONEL, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
1915-2011

Colonel John A. Riffle entered the US Army four days before the attack on Pearl Harbor. He served on active duty for over thirty-three years and retired as a colonel in the US Air Force. A highly regarded intelligence officer, he was selected to brief President Harry S. Truman on the military situation in post-World War II Europe. Following retirement from military service, he pursued a highly successful career in sales and public relations with a Kansas City meat company. He was a devoted lifetime supporter of the 4-H, served in leadership positions with the Missouri State Fair, and was credited for having invented the Kansas City Strip Steak. In recognition of their contributions to agriculture, he and his wife received the 2002 Farm Family Award from the Missouri Department of Agriculture. Colonel Riffle died on 1 November 2011. He is survived by his wife, Jean.

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