

Welsh, Glen Wilson | 1928-2018

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Glen Wilson Welsh

Glen Wilson Welsh, 90, of Decatur, died Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2018.

Memorial will be 11 a.m. Monday Aug. 6 at the Church of the Ascension and St. Mark Episcopal Church in Bridgeport. Internment will be at a later date.

Jones Family Funeral Home in Decatur is handling arrangements.

Glen was born March 25, 1928, on the Welsh family homestead near Garrison, N.D. He graduated from Garrison High School, then earned a bachelors degree in civil engineering at the University of North Dakota. He earned a U.S. Air Force second lieutenant commission from ROTC. He graduated from USAF pilot school, Class 52F, in Bartow, Fla.

During the Cold War, Glen flew a B-29 aircraft from Mildenhall, England in support of electronic countermeasures missions. He was later transferred to Lincoln, Neb. to the 98th Refueling Squadron where he flew CK-97 refueling aircraft in support of Strategic Air Command B-47 missions. Glen was discharged from the Air Force in 1955.

He married Virginia Schmidt Jan. 15, 1956, in Lincoln. They moved to California where Glen was a design engineer for Lockheed and Douglas. In 1958, he began working for the FAA and had various technical supervisory positions in Los Angeles, Ca., Honolulu, Hawaii, and Fort Worth. During the Cuban Missile Crisis, he was recalled to active duty for one year with the California Air National Guard and flew C-97 aircraft for MATS in the Pacific Theater. He retired from the FAA in 1984. One of his many accomplishments was certifying Bell Helicopters for airworthiness in the 1960s.

Following retirement, while living near Keller, Glen worked with Care Corps for 12 years as a home maintenance specialist providing assistance to the elderly. In 1999, he moved to Decatur.

Glen is preceded in death by his parents; and brother Wayne.

He is survived by his wife; sons Randy and wife, Jan, of Bend, Ore. and Brian and wife, Karen, of Hilo, Hawaii; daughter Lori Blankenship and husband, Mike, of Decatur; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sisters Doris and June and her husband, Otto, of Bismark, N.D.; and brother Neal and wife, Phyllis, of Denver, Colo.

Donations may be made to the Church of the Ascension and St. Mark Episcopal Church.