



## Col Raymond John Fitts

*February 17, 1921 – November 3, 2004*

Ray served in World War II as a B-29 instructor pilot. He returned to active duty for the Korean War. He flew 32 combat missions and received the Distinguished Flying Cross for successfully landing his B-29 with only two of four engines operating and one on fire, saving the crew and plane. After the war he served for over 20 years in the California Air National Guard with the 129th Special Operations Group, Hayward. He retired as a full Colonel. He continued to fly into his 80's. Ray was preceded in death by Mildred, his wife of 54 years. Ray is survived by his current wife of 3 1/2 years Mary Murtagh Fitts; sons, William, Raymond and Russell; daughters-in-law, Barbara, Karen and Janet; grandchildren, Erin, Kelly, Michael, Jennifer, Jessica and Jeffrey; great grandchildren, Noah and Jillian.