



Col Ralph L. Nobriga

7 July 1922 - 23 July 2002

Colonel Ralph L. Nobriga (CA Ret) passed away on July, 23, 2002, at age 80. Nobriga's military career spanned over 3 decades, beginning with Army basic training in July 1944. He enlisted in the California National Guard in 1949, and received his commission as a 2LT in 1951. Col Nobriga served in the 938th Combat Support Squadron, Hamilton AFB, California, until 1970. In early 1970, he joined the 129th Combat Support Squadron, then stationed at Hayward. He remained with the 129th until his retirement in 1975 as commander of the 129th Combat Support Squadron. In civilian life, Ralph was a fireman for the City of Oakland for 28 years.

Col Nobriga was preceded in death by his first wife, Laura. He is survived by his wife, Wynn, and four children: sons Charles, Larry, and John; and daughter Laura Mendonca. He also leaves a brother, Joseph Nobriga, and sister, Leonora Chapman, in addition to 10 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Internment was at Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, DC.

Col Nobriga was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, and several World War II service medals.