



Lt Col Don Franklyn Winters, Sr.
11 November 1932 - 13 September 2006

Don Franklyn Winters, Sr., a benevolent California native of the Monterey Bay area and member of the Monterey Church of Religious Science since he was 19 years old, died at age 73 on September 13, 2006, of heart failure.

Born to Ernest Eugene Winters and Alberta Hildegard Winters (Hunziker) on November 11, 1932, (the day of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's inauguration) in Fairfield. During the Depression days and through the era of World War II, he lived in and about Marysville, San Leandro, Fairfield, Alameda, Hayward, Salinas, Prunedale, Dos Palos, Pacific Grove and the Bay Area, etc. He attended Pacific Grove High School. He was the fifth of five siblings.

Mr. Winters traveled extensively as a United States Air Force pilot in the Strategic Air Command and retired after 27 years as a Lieutenant Colonel from the California Air National Guard in Hayward, CA. He piloted and was a flight instructor on many airplanes, to include the C-119 "Flying Boxcar" and the C-130.

Don was a handyman and automotive mechanic as well. Don and Daphne were married for 30 years and managed many children as foster parents, caring for them at their 201 Central Ave. location. They also assisted travelers, family, and oft times people in need through Monterey County Food Bank, transportation, housing, moral support, and other philanthropic activities over the years. He was a member of the Church of Religious Science for 53 years, serving in many capacities, including as a member of the Board of Trustees. He cherished the time he spent with the church and members of the community, and assisted with maintenance and other invaluable activities, as he was able. He was also a poet and musician, playing several musical instruments as a hobby, the favorite of which was a tenor ukulele. However, nothing eclipsed his wry sense of humor. He was a member of Retired Air Force Association, Retired Air National Guard Association, American Legion, Pacific Grove High School alumni, and many others.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ernest E. Winters; his mother, Alberta H. Winters Monlux; his sister, Charlotte Winters; brother, Charles A. Winters; sister, Barbara Nelson; his first wife, Lucille D. Winters and his son, Richard R. Winters.

Don's survivors include his wife, Daphne Winters of Pacific Grove; sister, Ernestine Paine of Marina; sons: Eric E. Winters in MD, Don F. Winters, Jr. in AZ, Ronald A. Winters of Prunedale, Derek L. Hansen of Seaside, and Todd J. Hansen of Trinity Lake; daughter, Christina D. Hansen-Wynn of Seaside; grandchildren: Justin L. Winters, Jay M. Winters, Derek E. Layton, Kerry J. Layton, Shane R. Winters, Michael J. Winters, Sarah E. Winters, Jacob T. Winters, and Samuel R. Winters; and 17 great grandchildren and foster children.