



## Lt. Colonel Charles F. Hatfield

April 30, 1925 - January 8, 2017

Charles F. Hatfield, 91, of Bluffs passed away Sunday, Jan. 8, 2017, at the St. John's Hospital in Springfield. He was born in Hannibal, Missouri, April 30, 1925, the son of Raymond and Margaret Green Hatfield. He married the former Donna Boes, July 4, 1953, in Bluffs.

Surviving is his wife, Donna of Bluffs; sister, Mary L. Klainsek of White Hall; niece and great niece, Karen and Kristen Vollbracht; and several cousins.

At the age of 17, Charles enlisted in the Army Air Force Aviation Cadet program and was called to active duty, July 1943, after graduation from Bluffs High School at the age of 18. He completed the Aviation Cadet Program and graduated with Aeronautical rating of Bombadier with rank of Flight Officer. Subsequent to B-24 crew training, his crew was assigned to the 22nd Bombardment Group, B-24, which served in the Pacific Area. Charles participated in the occupation of Japan. Upon returning to the U.S., Charles entered Knox College, Galesburg, IL in September, 1946 and graduated in June, 1949 with a BA Degree.

At Knox College, he earned major athletic letters in football, basketball and track. After coaching and teaching high school for a year and a half, Charles was recalled to active duty during the Korean Conflict and was selected for a Regular Air Force commission. He completed the U.S. Air Force Pilot Training Program and was awarded Aeronautical Rating of Airplane Pilot. He was assigned to the 5001 Cold Weather Test Group at Ladd AFB, Fairbanks, Alaska, as Aircraft Field Maintenance Officer. Other job assignments were

Chief, Quality Control Division, Office of Quality Control, Hq NAMAP, Tachikawa AB, Japan, Chief of Quality Control Division, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, Aircraft Depot Maintenance Advisor to Chinese Nationalist Air Force at Pingtung, Taiwan, Chief Base and Transient Aircraft Maintenance Division, HQAFLC, Dayton, Ohio.

During the Vietnam War, he was assigned as Chief, Quality Control Division, 388th Tactical Fighter Wing, Korat AB, Thailand. His last assignment was Team Chief Major Command Management Inspector, HQ Air Force Systems Command, Andrews AFB, MD, Office of The Inspector General. Also included in his career were other aircraft maintenance, technical, and professional school course assignments.

Lt. Colonel Hatfield's flying assignments included Aircraft Refueling Tankers, KC-97 and KC-135, C-54, C-118, C-119 and C-130 transport aircraft.

Charles was a member of the Oxville United Methodist Church, 60 year member of Valley of Columbus, Ohio, 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, 62 year member of Perry Lodge #33, AF&AM, member of Post 441 American Legion, Bluffs, Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity at Knox College, lifetime member of The Military Officer Association and AARP.

Lt Colonel Hatfield, a veteran of World War II, Korean and Vietnam was honorably retired from the United States Air Force, March 10, 1972.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, 2017, at the Daws Family Funeral Home in Bluffs with interment in the Green Cemetery in Bluffs. Visitation will be held Wednesday from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. with a masonic service at 5:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Meredosia-Bluffs Rescue Squad or the Scott County Dog Rescue.

# Cemetery Details

## Green Cemetery

Bluffs, IL

# Previous Events

## Masonic Service

JAN 11. 5:00 PM (CT)

Daws Family Funeral Home - Bluffs  
109 East Oak Street  
Bluffs, IL 62694  
(217) 754-3595  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lt. Colonel Charles F. Hatfield*

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January 28, 2023 at 11:11 AM



“ *Donna, I was so sorry to hear about Charlie. I always enjoyed sitting and talking to him over the years. I really enjoyed the Christmas Eve times we spent together with him educating and sharing war stories with me.*

*God Bless You.*

*Matt Long*

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**Matt Long** - January 26, 2017 at 02:57 PM



“ *To Donna and to Mary.....we send our condolences as long time friends and as schoolmates of the "Hatfield boys" at Naples. As a WW 2 veteran, I share those memories. To the nieces and nephews, you are fortunate to have had Uncle in your lives. Our most sincere thoughts to all of you.*

*Frank and Doris (Albers) Chambers, now retired in Kemah, TX*

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**Frank and Doris (Albers) Chambers** - January 12, 2017 at 02:13 PM

RG

“ Roger Gravesjj sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Lt. Colonel Charles F. Hatfield



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**Roger Gravesjj** - January 11, 2017 at 09:27 PM

RS

“ What a handsome soldier and a great man. Both Rick and I loved making Charlie his special cards, and we were so happy that he liked them so much! It really did our hearts good to listen to his stories. Rick was so honored to be able to help him at church. He will always have a special place in our hearts. We want you to know that whatever we can do to help you through the difficult days ahead and far beyond, all you have to do is call.

*With our love and prayers,  
Rick and Vicki Shaw*

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**Rick and Vicki Shaw** - January 11, 2017 at 01:52 PM

RG

“ Sorry for your loss

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**Roger graves** - January 11, 2017 at 01:01 PM

RS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you...  
Thomas (Ona's son) and Rhonda Stoller



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**Rhonda Stoller** - January 10, 2017 at 09:13 PM