



## Adair Franks

December 11, 1916 - April 24, 2009

HALTOM CITY -- Adair L. Franks departed this life Friday, April 24, 2009.

Graveside service: 3 p.m. Saturday in Flower Mound Cemetery, Flower Mound. Visitation: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Lucas Funeral Home in Hurst.

Memorials: VFW, ASPCA or local animal shelter, in lieu of flowers.

Adair Franks was born Dec. 11, 1916, in Canton, Van Zandt County. He graduated in June 1934 from North Side High School, where he participated in ROTC. During high school, he worked as a delivery boy for the Western Union, Fort Worth Press, and Fort Worth Star-Telegram. In December 1941, he was inducted into the U.S. Army at Fort Sill, Okla. He was assigned to the 8th Air Force, 413th Bomber Squadron, where he served on a B-17 as a first lieutenant and became the lead group navigator. During World War 2, he flew 35 missions out of England. After World War 2, he resigned from the Air Force and re-enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1947. He served as an air traffic controller from 1950 to his retirement in 1963. Also in 1950, he and Frances Spinks met; they were married in 1953. He retired from the Air Force with the rank of master sergeant, but later received the final rank of first lieutenant. In 1965, he went to work for the U.S. Postal Service until his retirement in 1982. During this time, he received an AA degree from Tarrant County College. Over the last years of his life, he enjoyed gardening, volunteering with the ASPCA

and tinkering in his workshop. His life motto was "God, country and honor."

Adair was preceded in death by his parents, Harry Tracy and Eula Stovall Franks; and brothers, Harold Thurman Franks and Otis Conley Franks.

Survivors: Wife Frances S. Franks; daughter, Deborah D. Kern and husband, Roger L. Kern; granddaughter, Rachel L. Kern; sister, Otta Mae Johnson; and numerous nieces, nephews, other family and friends.