

Walterboro, South Carolina



Master Sergeant Roy Raymond Carson, United States Air Force (Retired), 92, of Fire Hill Road near Walterboro, entered into his eternal rest Saturday morning, 24 March 2012, at his residence. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mrs. Catherine Ramsbottom Carson, of 58 years in 2001. Funeral services will be conducted 1100 Wednesday morning, 28 March 2012, from The Brice W. Herndon and Sons Funeral Chapel, Walterboro with The Reverend Ralph Warren officiating. Interment with full military honors provided by the United States Air Force will follow at 1300 that afternoon at

Beaufort National Cemetery, 1601 Boundary Street, Beaufort. Born in Uhrichsville, Ohio on March 9, 1920, Roy was the oldest of three children of Charles Ray and Gertrude Carson. Upon graduating from High School in 1938, he joined the Army Air Corp and received training as an aircraft mechanic. Shortly after the activation of the 22nd Bomber Group in 1940, he was assigned to the 19th Squadron and received further training as a Bombardier on the B26s. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese, his Squadron was reassigned to Muroc, California flying patrols in search of enemy submarines. The 22nd Bomber Group was then deployed to Australia to help protect that country against a possible invasion and serve as headquarters to disperse the squadrons to various locations performing bombing raids against Japanese held islands. While stationed in Australia, he met and fell in love with a beautiful young Australian lady named Catherine, which led to their marriage in 1943. The 19th Squadron of the 22nd Bomber Group shortly thereafter was sent to New Guinea where they performed bombing raids against key Japanese positions located on the surrounding Pacific Islands. As the war progressed, the need to repair the war battered bombers was more important and Roy was reassigned as crew chief, responsible for maintaining the B26s, B25s and eventually the B24 heavy bombers of the 19th Squadron. Roy returned home to Ohio after the war and was reunited with his Australian bride several months later. He remained in the Air Force and having never lost the love of flying, requested and was granted training as a Flight Engineer. In addition, he also obtained his Private Pilots license with the FAA. He continued his Air Force career as a Flight Engineer flying in aircraft such as the KB50, KC97 and the C121 until his retirement from the military in 1961. Soon after his military retirement, he began his Civil Service Career working at the Polaris Missile Facility, Atlantic, having the responsibility for the assembly and inspection of the Polaris and Trident Missiles. He retired from Civil Service in the mid-seventies and purchased a small farm in Walterboro where he and his wife enjoyed farming and the country life. Over the years, he continued with his passion for flying and was active in Square dancing and in a local gun club, teaching young adults the proper techniques of shooting and firearm safety. He also aided the authors in the creation of the book *Revenge of the Red Raiders*, the illustrated history of the 22nd Bombardment Group during World War II. He is survived by a sister, Lora Dean in Ohio, a son, Roy Robert Carson in Walterboro, a daughter Linda Diane Sturtevant in Ridgeville, a grandson, Rick Cosman in Virginia, a granddaughter, Dena Bernhard in Florida and several great grandchildren. Flowers will be accepted, or for those that

wish, the family has suggested that memorial contributions be directed in his memory to: Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 Eighth Ave., 7th fl., New York, NY 10001; or donate at www.alzfdn.com. For those that so desire, memorial messages and thoughts of condolence as well as memories of Roy may be shared with the Carson family by visiting: www.briceherndonfuneralhomes.com. Family and friends are invited to call from 6:00 until 8:00 Tuesday evening at THE BRICE W. HERNDON AND SONS FUNERAL HOMES, WALTERBORO CHAPEL, 1193 Bells Highway, Walterboro, 843-538-5408. Visit our guestbook at www.postandcourier.com/deaths