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Maj Archie Earnest Nogle,  
USAF (Ret)

May 23, 1925 - August 16, 2018



Archie E. Nogle of Lompoc died Thursday, August 16, 2018, at the age of 93.

Archie was born May 23, 1925 in Sand Creek, Wisconsin to Herbert and Lenora Nogle on May 23, 1925. He was raised and educated in Whittier, California. He graduated from Whittier High School with the class of 1944, where he competed in CIF State Wrestling. Following a lifelong passion for flying he earned his wings at the age of 19. He attended Whittier College where he participated in wrestling and football. Before he completed College, he entered the United States Air Force near the end of World War II.

During his 20-year military career he flew combat missions in a F-86 fighter jet during the Korean War and transport and cargo planes during the Vietnam War. He joined the national Guard in 1966, and retired in 1973, with the rank of Major.

*(Excerpt from Biography submitted by Archie ) I joined the Air Force Reserve in Whittier when I left the Army Air Corps and was called to active duty at the end of 1952 for the Korean War. I was assigned to the 63rd Fighter Interceptor Squadron at Oscoda, Wisconsin to fly the F-86F. After qualification I was sent to the 35th Fighter Bomber Squadron*



*at Suwon, Korea. I stayed in Korea as a Flight Commander for 9 months after the war and stayed with the unit when it relocated to Itazuke, Japan. I resigned from the Air Force in 1956 and joined the Air National Guard with the 196th Fighter Interceptor Squadron at Ontario. I moved my family to Lompoc in 1961 and transferred to the 115th Fighter Interceptor Squadron at Van Nuys. After 2000 hours in the F-86 and the privilege of flying the F-86H, I checked out in the C-97. In 1962 we were activated for the Viet Nam War and I thoroughly enjoyed flying trips into Ton Son Nhut Air Base near Saigon with stops in Hickam, Wake, Guam, and Clark Air Bases enroute. We also flew into numerous bases within Viet Nam. I was privileged to fly the first mission into Korat, Thailand with a load of jeeps, trucks, and tractors which were used to open the airfield. After the Viet Nam activation I left the Air National Guard and transferred to the Air Force Reserve at Los Angeles Air Force Station to serve as a Liaison Officer with the Civil Air Patrol. Ten years later I retired from the Air Force and Air Force Reserve on May 14, 1973.*

A resident of Lompoc since 1958, Archie was the owner of the United Van Lines agency that was located initially on North A Street near Ocean Avenue and later at 532 North 8th Street. He was a charter member of the Village Country Club and was the oldest living member of the club at the time of his death. Archie was a member of the

Lompoc High School Board from 1959 to 1960, and a member of what is now the Lompoc Unified School District from 1967 to 1975. He was an active member of the Lompoc Kiwanis Club Lompoc, and active in the 4H club with his children.



Archie was a member of the First Baptist Church in Lompoc and was instrumental in building what is now the New Life Christian Center in Lompoc and the Calvary Baptist Church in Vandenberg Village.

Archie enjoyed golf, hunting and piloting his own airplane.

He was preceded in death by his wife Barbara Nogle in 2004, his daughter Wendy Scalise in 2007, and his brother Wayne Nogle. He is survived by his wife of 13 years Socoro Nogle, his Son Randy (Brenda) Nogle of Lompoc, his daughter Nancy (Bob) Brown of Paso Robles, his daughter Jennifer (Dan) Thompson of Arroyo Grande, his sister Hazel Harry of Whittier, his brother Bud (Betty) Nogle of La Mirada, his sister-in-law Ruth Nogle of La Mirada, five grandchildren, one great granddaughter and numerous nieces and nephews.

Internment with military honors will be in the Lompoc Evergreen Cemetery.

Pastor Bill Nelson will direct a memorial service on Thursday, August 23, at 3pm at the Calvary Baptist Church. The arrangements are under the direction of the Starbuck-Lind Mortuary.

