



*Man's Flight
Through Life Is
Sustained By The
Power Of His
Knowledge*

TO HONOR

WILLIAM H. DOWNEY

LIEUTENANT COLONEL, U.S. AIR FORCE

During World War II, Lt. Col. Downey was a B-17 co-pilot in the 410th Squadron, 94th Bombardment Group (heavy), VIII Air Force. His aircraft, "Hell Below", was shot down and the crew spent 23 months in various German POW camps. They were liberated on 29 April 1945. Lt. Col. Downey was recalled into the Air Force in 1951 and retired in 1968. He served over 30 years as a senior pilot and advanced installation officer in Tactical Air Command. He was a life member of ACP-POWs and a life member of the original 94th Bomb Group Association. Lt. Col. Downey died on 1 September 2001 at the age of 83. He is survived by his son, Dr. William Arthur Downey, daughter, Jane Marine, and granddaughter, Kelly Marine.

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