









Lt. Colonel Carroll Leroy LIGON^[1, 2]

1931 - 2009

 Home
  Search
  Print
  Login
  Add Bookmark

-  Individual
-  Ancestors
-  Descendants
-  Relationship
-  Timeline
-  GEDCOM
-  Suggest

[Personal Information](#) |
 [Sources](#) |
 [All](#) |
 [PDF](#)

Prefix	Lt. Colonel	
Birth	1931	Heath Springs, South Carolina 
Gender	Male	
UID	29D45303842944B798DD5DF3141B49ABE34D	
HIST	<p>News - Obituaries Thursday, Sep. 24, 2009 Lt. Col. Carroll L. Ligon</p> <p>WINNSBORO â€” Lt. Col. Carroll L. Ligon, USAF (Ret.), left this earth September 21st, 2009, in Palmetto Health Richland Hospital in Columbia, SC. An American hero, Col. Ligon was the recipient of the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Air Medal with eleven Oak Leaf Clusters, Two Bronze Stars for valor in combat, the Distinguished Flying Cross exceptional heroism and bravery, the Armed Forces Medal, and two National Defense Service Medals. As a young pilot, his program â€œAn American Way of Lifeâ€• set the pattern for all Air Force Foreign Training and was formally recognized by the U.S. State Department.</p> <p>Col. Ligon is survived by his widow, Dorcas Gunter Anderson of Winnsboro, SC. Col. Ligon is also survived by two sons from his 1953 marriage to Patricia â€œPatsyâ€• Blair of Blair, SC: Andrew Russell Ligon of Huntington Beach, CA, and Michael Blair Ligon of Raleigh, NC, and their wives, Chre G. Ligon and Dianne T. Rodwell. He is also survived by stepsons, Donald J. Anderson of Winnsboro, and B. Scott Anderson of Hopkins, and their wives, Carol H. Anderson and Mary H. Anderson. Col. Ligon is remembered by brothers-in-law, Andrew Franklin Blair, Lawrence W. Blair, Edward Lindsay Gunter, T. Luther Gunter and Dr. D. Moody Gunter, and nephews, Carroll Bell and Kendall Bell. Col. Ligon is survived by 5 step-grandchildren and 3 step-great-grandchildren.</p> <p>Carroll Leroy Ligon was born in Heath Springs, SC, in 1931, to John Russell Ligon and Elizabeth Gordon Ligon. He was predeceased by his sister, Carrie Russell Bell and brother, John Gordon Ligon. Carrollâ€™s father was the chief mechanic for the Rocky Creek Hydro Station on the Catawba River in South Carolina for over thirty years.</p> <p>A tactical fighter pilot, Col. Ligon served in Europe, North Africa and Vietnam. Col. Ligon received his wings and commission at Foster Field, Victoria, TX, in March, 1953, followed by combat crew training. He was chief of Officer Training for 5 years at Craig AFB, a pilot training base near Selma, AL. Carroll trained pilots from 23 countries, including Iran, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Libya. As chief of Wing Current Operations in Vietnam (Phan Rang), Col. Ligon controlled the combat schedules and missions for 3 fighter squadrons, Chuck Yeagerâ€™s B-57 squadrons, and the Royal Australian No. 2 Squadron. In addition to his analytic and managerial duties, Col. Ligon personally flew 201 fighter jet missions over Vietnam.</p> <p>Col. Ligon received a technical degree in engineering from Clemson University, a B.S. in military science at the University of Maryland, and an M.B.A. from George Washington University. He also attended the Air War College and numerous foreign service, technical and survival schools, including months living in the jungles of the Philippines. Col. Ligon completed his Air Force career as acting chief of U.S. Readiness Command Current Operations in Tampa, FL, serving as one of 3 acting chiefs of the Crisis Management Team, allocating resources of the Army and Air Force during conflicts such as wars in the Middle East and during humane efforts such as responses to monsoons in Bangladesh.</p> <p>After his retirement from the Air Force, Carroll and Patsy returned to Blair, SC, in 1974 and together played a prominent role in Western Fairfield civic life for over 30 years. Patsy Ligon passed in 1997. Col. Ligon worked at the V.C. Summer Station for 19 years, managing computer and document systems during the nuclear plantâ€™s multi-phased construction and as an administrator for the director of Nuclear Services after the full plant became</p>	

