

David C. Suckow, SMSgt, USAF, retired

January 27, 1930 – April 15, 2013

David C. Suckow, SMSgt, USAF, retired, resident of Colorado Springs, Colorado, passed peacefully to his eternal home on 15 April 2013. He was 83. He is survived by: a brother, Clifford Suckow; a sister, Diane Uhl and her husband Steve; two daughters, Judith Hays and Deborah Traverse; two sons-in-law, Bill Hays and Jim Traverse; two grandsons, Daniel and Garrison Hays; a grand-daughter-in-law, Christa Hays, and three great-grandchildren, Anna, Colton and Jackson Hays, brother and sister-in-law, David and Patricia DeLisle. He was preceded in death by his loving wife Ellen.

A native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, SMSgt Suckow enlisted in the USAF in 1950. He served as a photo interpreter in the intelligence career field. He spent most of his career at Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio, with frequent overseas assignments to both Korea and Vietnam. Among his many military decorations, he earned the Bronze Star for action in Vietnam. After retiring from the USAF in 1974, he continued his work as a photo interpreter as a USAF civilian employee.

His interests included photography, coin collecting, genealogy, woodworking and stained glass. He enjoyed military history and participated in the restoration of the Wright "B" flyer at the US Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio. In addition, he sang in a German language singing group in Springfield, Ohio.

Funeral will be a private graveside service in Wisconsin, where he will be laid to rest next to Ellen, his wife of 41 years.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Pikes Peak Hospice and Palliative Care Center, 2550 Tenderfoot Hill St, Colorado Springs, CO 80906. (www.pphpc.org)