Earl DeWolf (1921 – 2007)

Lt. Col. Earl Telford "Buster" DeWolf passed away peacefully in his sleep April 15, 2007. Born February 2, 1921, he was raised in Barstow and graduated from Barstow High. He ran away to college and joined the ROTC. As an officer in the Air Force, Earl flew missions in B17 bombers over Germany until shot down and captured as a POW. At the end of the war he met his wife, Marjorie, and they returned to live in Barstow. The Korean war took them to Texas where he trained fighter pilots, and his first daughter was born. Returning to California they settled in Riverside, close to March Air Force Base, where their second daughter was born. Following the booming real estate market Earl worked in the Inland Empire and then moved to Costa Mesa. He was active in civic events. His great love was the annual Lion's Club fish fry. Upon retirement he moved to Spring Valley to be closer to his grandson. After the death of his wife, Marjorie, he spent his time between the Chula Vista Veteran's Home and the home of his daughter. Earl is survived by his daughters Carla DeWolf and Sheridan DeWolf Cargal; son-in-law Michael Cargal; grandson Charlie of La Mesa; sister Patsy and brother-in-law Ralph Drahos of Apple Valley; sister-in-law Katie DeWolf; and many nieces and nephews. Lt. Col. DeWolf will be interred with military honors at 10 a.m. Friday, May 4, at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego.

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