



SACHS, Major Armand Charles (USAF Retired), May 29, 1927 - August 11, 2016. Armand Charles "Chuck" Sachs was born on May 29, 1927 in Cleveland, Ohio to Armand Sevey Sachs and Leona Seitz Sachs. He grew up in Cleveland with his older sister, Marjorie "Marge" Sachs (Gress). At the height of World War II, with his mind and heart set to defend his country and a promise to his mother to return tattoo-free, young Chuck joined the United States Navy. He served as a Motor Machinist's Mate First Class on the minesweeper, USS Gayety (AM 239), seeing combat action in the South Pacific Theater. After fulfilling his Navy service, Chuck was selected for the United States Air Force pilot training program, successfully earning his pilot wings as a member of Air Force Aviation Cadet Class 49B. During his Air Force career, Chuck flew a variety of military transport aircraft; his skills tested flying combat missions during the Korean War and the Republic of Congo conflict.

A Command Pilot, Chuck's military decorations include the Soldier's Medal, Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Distinguished Unit Award, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, World War II Victory Medal, Occupation Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with one Bronze Service Star, Air Force Longevity Service Award with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, and the United Nations Service Medal Korea.

After retiring from the Air Force in 1966, Chuck flew as a corporate pilot for Executive Jet Aviation, Inc., in Columbus, Ohio and then for the Ethyl Corporation in Richmond, Virginia. Desiring to start a new chapter in his professional life, Chuck hung up his wings and embarked on a very successful 30-year career as a restaurateur, owning and operating the Pizza Inns of Virginia, Inc. as well as the Don Quixote and the Red Duck restaurants. An industrious and creative entrepreneur, Chuck was a highly regarded, active member of the Richmond business community. Many will fondly remember the bright red Pizza Inn double decker party bus that was a popular fixture of the Richmond social scene.

As an avid auto enthusiast and collector, Chuck lived his life to the fullest, always looking for an adventure to take him out of the ordinary and into the extraordinary world around him. Be it through his brotherhood of the armed forces, family or friends, Chuck was never without companionship. He enjoyed traveling around the world and capturing beautiful images through his collection of photographic lenses. When he wasn't traveling, he would explore and give new purpose to what others before him had collected and cherished. Chuck was also an impassioned animal lover and proud supporter of many local and national animal rescue organizations.

Chuck was preceded in death by his parents, sister; and eldest child, Sharman S. Burgess; and is survived by Hildegard F. "Hilde" Weiss, his devoted companion of many years; and his other children: Linda S. Sullivan, Colonel Charles W. Sachs (USAF Retired), John C. Sachs and Cynthia Sachs Galdabini; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

In celebration of his life, we wish to commemorate our father, grandfather and friend with a memorial service that will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Richmond Animal League.

"Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth,
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed and joined the tumbling mirth of
sun-split clouds -
and done a hundred things You have not dreamed of -
wheeled and soared and swung high in the sunlit silence.
Hovering there I've chased the shouting wind along
and flung my eager craft through footless halls of air.

Up, up the long delirious burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace,
where never lark, or even eagle, flew;
and, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
the high untrespassed sanctity of space,
put out my hand and touched the face of God."

"High Flight," Pilot Officer John Gillespie Magee Jr., RCAF