



Halsey Hines

April 21, 1917 - June 27, 2006

Cdr. Halsey Hines USN (Ret) Halsey Hines, 89, Topeka passed away Tuesday, June 27, 2006. Halsey was born April 21, 1917 in Scott City, KS the son of Ray and Florence Halsey Hines. Halsey graduated from Salina High School on the honor roll in 1935; he attended Kansas Wesleyan University in 1936 and Kansas State University from 1937 to 1938. In 1939 he enrolled at the University of New Mexico. At the end of the school year he enlisted in the Navy Air Corps, received his orders to Naval Air Station in Pensacola, FL where he received his Navy wings and was commissioned as an Ensign. He served as an instructor at the Naval Air Station in Corpus Christi, TX, then to San Diego where he was ordered to a squadron. On January 1, 1943 he was deployed to the Pacific as Fighter Pilot on Carrier USS Manila Bay. He participated in campaigns in the Marshall Islands: New Guinea, Guadalcanal, and Truk before returning to Pearl Harbor. He had 400 actual combat hours and 169 carrier landings. Of his many accomplishments he also trained astronaut John Glenn in Pensacola. Following World War II, he spent three years in Alaska in patrol squadron and served as a Navy Representative at Sikorsky Aircraft. He had the privilege of working with Igor Sikorsky, inventor of the helicopter. He served two years with RAF as Senior Exchange Pilot, attached to Coastal Command Headquarters in England. He served as Commanding Officer of Patrol Squadron Eleven. During deployment to the Mediterranean area, he knew and served under Admiral Lord Mountbatten. From 1961 to 1983 he worked as a District Sales Manager for Investors

Diversified Services, Inc. Halsey married Mary Elizabeth Hinkle who passed away January 1979. He then married Francine Neubauer in 1981, who passed away in January 2006. Survivors include his son, H. Kerry Hines, Chehalis, WA; daughters, Betsy Hines, Chehalis, WA; Robin Schmalz, Paris, AR; brother, Jay Hines, Lawrence, KS; step-daughter, Colette Bernica, Great Falls, MN; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother, Howard "Mick" Hines. Halsey's interests were airplanes, antique cars, woodworking, mechanics, boxer dogs, and reading. He had a tremendous sense of wit and was known for his offhand comments and humorous speeches. He kept a collection of jokes and cartoons in his wallet. Funeral service will be 2:00 p.m. Friday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home with visitation one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow the service at Mount Hope Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Kansas National Guard Combat Museum, 6700 SW Topeka Blvd. Topeka, KS 66619 or the charity of the donor's choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Halsey Hines*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *I was greatly saddened to read today of the passing of my friend Halsey Hines. Indeed, I had not known Francine also had left us earlier. I had known and treasured both of them for more than 25 years. She was a remarkable French lady, he the finest type of American officer and gentleman. We spoke many times of their adventures during WWII and later; of Halsey's work on an experimental airplane in his N. Topeka home; of flying memorable planes, of cars and events and people... Of many things, and all of them part of my own store of precious memories. The world was a better place for their presence in it, and it is poorer now that they are gone. I shall look forward to seeing them again, someday...*

M. Gene Smith - June 28, 2006 at 09:25 PM



“ *We first met Halsey when he was selling IDS funds in the late 1960's. We moved to Topeka in 1972 and continued our friendship. I introduced him to Francine while I was working in the Governor's office. The last time I saw him, he was building an experimental airplane at his home in north Topeka. He was a gentleman and a enjoyable person to be around. We will miss both of them, as we are sure you will too.*

Jerry and Jan Wohler - June 28, 2006 at 07:28 PM

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“ I am very saddened to hear about the passing of Halsey. He and Francine were very special people to us here in the Audiology dept. at the VA hospital here in Topeka. I have known Halsey for many many years and always enjoyed seeing him. He always had a quick wit and a quick smile. Many veterans come and go and there are those that are talked about and remembered after the fact. Halsey was always referred to in a positive light and it was always a pleasure to see him. We worked hard to help him with his hearing and know that hearing was important to both him and Francine. I was sad when I heard that Francine had passed on and am again sad now. I know Francine loved him very much and was very concerned about what would happen when she was gone. I remember they talked about a toy airplane that he was making for a grandchild years ago and supported Francine when she ran for office. I know he was very proud to serve his country. We will remember and miss both of them.

Sue Hogan - June 28, 2006 at 04:32 PM