

## George G. Getz

Retired United States Air Force Colonel George G. Getz, 85, died November 1, 1999, at the VA Hospital in Tucson, Arizona. Graveside services were held at Arlington National Cemetery November 12, 1999.

He was born June 8, 1914 in New Philadelphia, Ohio. Colonel Getz graduated from North Carolina State University in 1937 with a BS in electrical engineering. A veteran of World War II and the Korean War, Colonel Getz retired from the United States Air Force after 30 years of service. Additionally, Colonel Getz received a masters degree in Engineering in 1949 from the U.S. Air Force Institute of Technology. In 1954, he graduated from Air War College where he studied Geopolitics, International Affairs, Military Strategy and Programs and Weapon Systems.

During Colonel Getz's career in the USAF, he served as commander in the development, implementation and management of **Ground Electronics Engineering Installation Agency (GEEIA) Project**, which served to provide the U.S. Air Force with world-wide military ground and airborne communications, support to the National Range Division and White House Communication Agency, as well as provide assistance to other USAF commands, DOD, and other government agencies. Colonel Getz also served as Deputy Chief of Electronics Branch Signal Division Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers in Europe (SHAPE) from 1954-1957, where he coordinated the NATO plans and programs for electronic systems used by the 15 NATO nations and included the development and coordination of the SHAPE, TACAN Plan, and the NATO Air Defense System. His duties also included representing SHAPE for Electronics on International Coordinating Committees and U.S. interests on Strategic Operations.

Colonel Getz was a member of Lucy Chapel in Danville, Georgia.

He was survived by his beloved wife, Betty B. Getz of the home; daughters, Jeanette Getz Haverty of Greenville, N.C., Katherine E. DeViney of Charlotte, N.C.; grandchildren, Andrew Getz Haverty of Greenville, N.C., George Glen Huffman, Jamie A., and Ericka L. Deviney of Charlotte, N.C.