



**William
Schutte**

Army Air Corps

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Apr 30, 1925 - Dec 16, 1997

BIRTHPLACE: Chicago, Illinois

SOLDIER DETAILS

HIGHEST RANK: 1st LT,

DIVISION: Army Air Corps

THEATER OF OPERATION: European

SERVED: 1943 - 1945

HONORED BY: His immediate and extended family to include: his late wife, four children, seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

BIOGRAPHY

William (Bill) C. Schutte was born on April 30th, 1925 in Chicago, Illinois to Charles and Frances Schutte and entered Heaven on December 16th, 1997 from Denver, Colorado. After graduating High School he began academic studies at Syracuse University. With a continuing desire to help his country in the war effort he left college and enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps as a pilot. He was trained to command B-24s and B-25s, both of which he was highly successful in. After the end of the war his affinity for aviation led him to become an Air Traffic Controller and in 1947 he started his career in this field in Dayton, Ohio. Here he showed his above average capabilities and was quickly promoted up through the governmental ranks (GSA rank). During 1955 he bid on an opening at the much busier airport in Louisville, Kentucky and was awarded the position along with its higher GSA rank. Showing how adept he was for air traffic control at busier airports his superiors encouraged him in 1963 to bid on an opening at the much faster paced, high traffic airport in Denver, Colorado. He was again awarded this position and moved up in the GSA ranks. His finely tuned capabilities as an air traffic controller, at a highly congested airport such as Denver, were on display when he was directed to take over control of two separate situations that were rapidly moving towards mid-air collisions of commercial aircraft. He was able to orchestrate both of these safely and there was no loss of life or property damage suffered in either case. Both times he received a Government Citation for Superior Actions and promoted higher in the GSA rankings. After serving as an esteemed Air Traffic Controller, attaining the rank of GS-14 (extremely high level of expertise in a technical position), he retired in 1973 thoroughly wrung out mentally and physically from the increasing stress of this unbelievably difficult job. On December 16th, 1997 he entered Heaven leaving behind his wife Nancy and four children, Charles, Margaret, John and Rita. He will be remembered always as a Patriot and an outstanding, loving man & father and soldier for God.