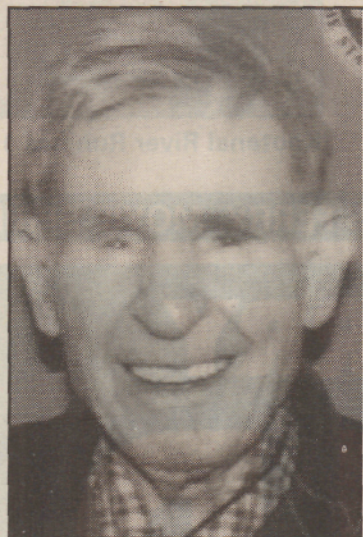


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## John Leslie Kidd, 89



John Leslie Kidd, 89, passed away on June 8, 2003. Private services will be held.

John was born to James and Edna Kidd in Chalk, Texas June 30, 1913. He attended grammar school & high school in Bristow, Oklahoma.

His senior year was in McCook, Nebraska where he graduated in 1932. He then attended Cameron State College.

John worked as a draftsman before enlisting in the Army First Balloon Squadron, 1934-1937. He was accepted to heavier than air flight school.

Shortly before World War II, John went to work as a pilot for American Airlines. When war broke out he joined the Army Air Corps and served flying the South Pacific.

He graduated with the class of 1939 from the Air Corps Advanced Flying School at Kelly Field, Texas.

He received command pilot wings, the highest rating a pilot can attain in the U.S. Air Force. In 1940 he married Anne Mooney. After the war,

John went back to American Airlines and remained in the Air Force reserve as a lieutenant colonel.

John and Anne raised their family in Northport, New York until 1955 when they moved to Garden Grove, California. In 1968 they started spending their summers in Bonnors Ferry, Idaho. Capt. John L. Kidd retired from American Airlines in 1973.

John is survived by his wife of 63 years and a daughter, Jolle Anne Wall and son-in-law Don Wall of Brookings Ore. and a son, David Victor Kidd of Manila, Calif. His seven grandchildren are; Duane Wall of Nevada, Calif.; David Wall & his wife Nydel of Bonnors Ferry, Id.; Tobin Wall of Spirit Lake, Id. and Jennifer & husband John Neumayer of Bonnors Ferry, Id.; Lorna Kidd of Arcada, Calif.; Peter Kidd of Paradise, Calif. and Tim Kidd of Paradise, Calif. There are 9 great-grandchildren. John had numerous close friends all over the country. His parents and his seven siblings and his son John Douglas Kidd precede him in death.

Flying was John's life long passion. He often said he never worked a day in his life; his job was his pleasure. On retirement he enjoyed his private airplane.

John was a member of the Eris Society, and flew his Cessna to meetings in Colorado.

He was also a member of OX5 Aviation Pioneers, United Flying Octogenarians and Grey Eagles. John flew his airplane until 2000 when he suffered a stroke.