

OBITUARY

Seymour Wolf Isaacs "Ike" was born in Brooklyn, New York (Coney Island). He grew up around sail boats and enjoyed the ocean; but he always longed to be a pilot.

Ike joined the Army Air Corps in WWII, and while waiting for pilot training he attended aircraft mechanic's school. Ike became an 18 year-old Boeing B-17 bomber pilot flying 35 missions over war ravaged Europe. He managed to bring his plane "Sugah" and crew home each time. They suffered battle damage from flak and German fighters.

Ike flew cargo and combat material to Korea during the Korean War and, later, to Vietnam during that war logging over 50 combat missions total. Many of his flights were into remote bases in the frozen Arctic where Ike loved the extra challenges. Ike flew with the USAF Reserves and the Utah Air National Guard following WWII.

Ike flew for the best airline in the history of civil aviation and, arguably, the safest: The historic Frontier Airlines. Ike was proud of his 34 year career with Frontier and never wanted to retire. As such, Ike remained as an MD-80 instructor for Frontier following his retirement

Ike was a Colonel with the Commemorative Air Force and enjoyed this volunteer pilot duty that he joyfully shared with his best pal, Captain Jack B. Schade, along with other aviation enthusiasts. Ike was a pilot for 70 years. He lined up on Runway Two-Seven while in the care of Hospice of the Valley.

Ike was saluted by the American Legion Honor Guard, a trumpeter playing Taps, and a Missing Man formation of the Boeing Model 75 "Stearman" just like the one he learned to fly before he learned to drive. Then, "Sentimental Journey," the CAF Boeing B-17 flew over to say "farewell" to an American Hero.

-Claudia Isaacs