

## Lt. Col. Albert Schue, USAF (RET), 80

*Feb. 2, 1924 - April 19, 2004*

**AVOCA** – Albert Curtis Schue, the only child of Rev. Albert Clayton and Ollie M. Schue, was born Feb. 2, 1924, in Akron, OH. He attended elementary school in Tekonsha, MI, junior high in Miles, and graduated from Avoca High School with the class of 1942. In October of 1942, Albert joined the Army Air Corps Pilot Reserve program where he graduated from pilot training school in Seymour, IN, Feb. 8, 1944. After graduation, he continued at the base as an instructor until late in 1944, when he went overseas for assignment with the 69th Troop Carrier Squadron and the 433rd Troop Carrier Group operating out of Nadzab, New Guinea. In the spring of 1945, he secured assignment with the Headquarters Squadron of the Far East Air Force and served as Staff Pilot to Headquarters 6th Army, San Fernando, PI. As hostilities ended, that unit moved to Kyoto, Japan, including Hiroshima and Nagasaki, for the American Bomb Evacuation team. Upon the deactivation of the 6th Army, he continued this duty with Yokohama based Headquarters, 8th Army. Upon his return to the States in June of 1946, he accepted a commission as First Lieutenant in the Air Force Active Reserve. He completed his military service receiving his honorable discharge in 1986 having retired with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Aug. 5, 1946, Albert married Corinne Lois Woltman. They were the parents of two sons, Robert and Richard. After his service during World War II, Albert attended Michigan State College where he graduated with a degree in electrical engineering in 1950. He held electrical engineering design positions in Michigan and New York before joining the Armco Steel Corporation as a sales engineer in southwestern Indiana in 1957. He retired from Armco in February 1986. Shortly thereafter, Albert moved to the Avoca area where he and his wife, Corinne, have since resided. He died April 19, 2004, at the Avoca Nursing and Rehabilitation Center at age 80 years, two months and 17 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Albert is survived by his wife, Corinne Schue of Avoca; his sons, Robert Lowell Schue of Minneapolis, MN and Richard Ernest Schue (Margaret) of Carmel, IN; four grandchildren, Kristin, Allison, David and Eric Schue; two nieces, Nancy (John) Faselt and Lois Woltman; his nephew, Justin Woltman (Becky) and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 24, 2004, at the United Methodist Church in Shelby, with Pastor Orris Drake officiating. Burial was in the Shelby Cemetery with the Offutt Air Force Base Color Guard in Bellevue, NE, conducting the military graveside rites. Honorary casket bearers were Raleigh Woltman and Justin Woltman. Casket bearers were Eric Schue, David Schue, Richard Schue, Robert Schue, Allison Schue and Kristin Schue. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca, in charge of arrangements.