## **High Flight**

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings; Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth of sun-split clouds,-and done a hundred things You have not dreamed of-wheeled and soared and swung

High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air....
Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace
Where never lark nor ever eagle flewAnd, while with silent lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

By John G. Magee

There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens:
a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-4** 

### **QUOTES ATTRIBUTED TO DON**

"Always smile." to Joyce

"Don't look back with regret, look forward with anticipation." to Annette

"Hit the ball, Alice." to Don Jr.

"Facing something unknown is like going to war, into battle. Face it as you are coming out as a survivor for your family, for life.

Know God is beside you every step of the way."

to Carolyn



#### SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Online at firstprescos.org/watch Sanctuary: 8:30 a.m. Worship Center: 9:30 a.m.



# Service to Celebrate the Life of Brigadier General Don M. Hartung

November 8, 1926 - May 19, 2020



Friday, August 28, 2020 • 12 p.m. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Colorado Springs, Colorado

## Order of Service

Prelude, "Psalm 23", "The Lord's Prayer", "Pie Jesu"

**Introit,** "Amazing Grace"

Call to Worship

Psalm 23

Prayer of Invocation/Lord's Prayer

Solo, "How Great Thou Art"

### Remembering Don With Gratitude

Lt. Col. Barry Oswell USAF/Ret., Bob Forster, Brig. Gen. Ted Rinebarger USAF/Ret.

Tribute, "High Flight"

### Remembering the Resurrection

1 Peter 1:3-5

Hymn, "Thine Is the Glory"

**Prayer of Commendation** 

Benediction

**Postlude,** "Thine Is the Glory"

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Officiant: Rev. Dr. John Goodale
Organist: Dr. Roderick Gorby
Musicians: Annette & Doug Conlon
Coordinator: Rev. Linda Boyles

Brigadier General Don M. Hartung retired from the Air Force on August 1, 1978, from the position as Commander, Space and Missile Test Center, Vandenberg Air Force Base, California. SAMTEC managed and conducted test and launch activities of the Air Force space and ballistic missile systems and operated the Department of Defense Western Test Range at Vandenberg and the Eastern Test Range with its headquarters at Patrick Air Force Base, Florida. In addition to his responsibilities as SAMTEC commander, General Hartung also served as deputy Department of Defense Manager for Space Shuttle Support Operations.

General Hartung spent his early years in Tampa, Florida, where he completed his secondary education. He served in the Army Air Corps for seven months during WWII, preparing to enter pilot training, but was released from service at the end of the war. He worked as a flight instructor in Tampa in general aviation for several years before entering the Air Force Aviation Cadet program in 1948. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in February 1949 upon completion of pilot training. His early assignments were as a jet fighter pilot, including a tour of 103 combat missions flying the F-80 in Korea, duty as a basic and fighter gunnery instructor, and as operations advisor to an F-86F wing of the Chinese Air Force. He served as a research and development manager in various assignments, including duty as a deputy director of a test project with an F-4 wing in Southeast Asia in 1967, and with the F-15 system program office at Wright Patterson AFB. His first assignment associated with space and missile activities was in 1969 as Chief, Space Defense, J-3, NORAD, at Ent AFB, Colorado.

General Hartung served as Vice Commander, and later Commander of the Air Force Eastern Test Range, Patrick AFB, Florida with the additional duty as Department of Defense Manager for Manned Space Flight Support Operations. He was assigned as Commander, SAMTEC, at Vandenberg AFB, in 1977 at the time the Eastern Test Range was transferred to that organization. General Hartung received a bachelor of science in aeronautics from Arizona State University, a bachelor of science in aeronautical engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology, and a master of science in international affairs from George Washington University. He is a graduate of the National War College, Class of 1968.

General Hartung retired from the Air Force as a command pilot with more than 6,000 flying hours. His military decoration and awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, AF Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters and Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster. He was awarded the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Medal for Outstanding Leadership for his role DoD Manager, supporting the Apollo-Soyuz manned space mission.

After retiring from the Air Force, he was active in business, managing several oil and gas exploration partnerships. He was a Program Manager for a space-based Acquisition, Pointing and Tracking project supporting the Strategic Defense Initiative while employed by Kaman Aerospace Corporation from 1984 through 1991. After he left Kaman, Don served as a resource management consultant for his own company, D. Martin Associates, Inc.

Don is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Joyce Screws Hartung, their three children, Annette Hartung Conlon (husband Doug) of Los Angeles, Don Martin Hartung Jr., (wife Jill), granddaughter Meg Hartung, and Carolyn Hartung Leonhardt (husband Curt), and three step-grandsons, Shaun, Casey and Jessie Leonhardt, all of Colorado Springs.

Throughout his life, Don Hartung served God, his family, and his country. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, friend and warrior, well-loved by his family and friends both here and around the world. He will be well missed by all of those who loved him.