



Harrold Leon Bristow

Harrold Bristow, known to many as “Whip” because of his huge success as a pitcher in fastpitch softball, was born on 18 December 1929, in Tustin, CA the 4th son of Thomas and Marie Green Bristow. Harrold left college at San Jose State to join the National Guard just before the beginning of the Korean War. He rose through the ranks to Sergeant First Class, transferred to the Air Force, and went through OCS.

He married his lower classman from OCS, Elizabeth Webster, and as new Second Lieutenants, they were assigned to North Africa. His early duty assignment was to Military Police, followed by duties to Logistics and Intelligence. Elizabeth finished her Air Force commitment, and they raised their 5 children.

Whip saw duty in Korea and began his Air Force career which would take him to every continent. Most of his Air Force assignments were highly classified, and his go anywhere do anything willingness included exercise with NATO and NASA, Denmark, Norway, Canada, Great Britain, Australia, and Saudi Arabia.

After 3 assignments to Vietnam, he had stateside duties with the Strategic Air Command, which included missile silos, and bases in Alaska, Canada, Greenland, Iceland, Hawaii, Guam, and the Philippines.

Whip was a dedicated officer, loved his country, the Air Force, and his family. He retired as a Major in 1973 after 25-plus years of active duty. He also loved growing up in Tustin.

