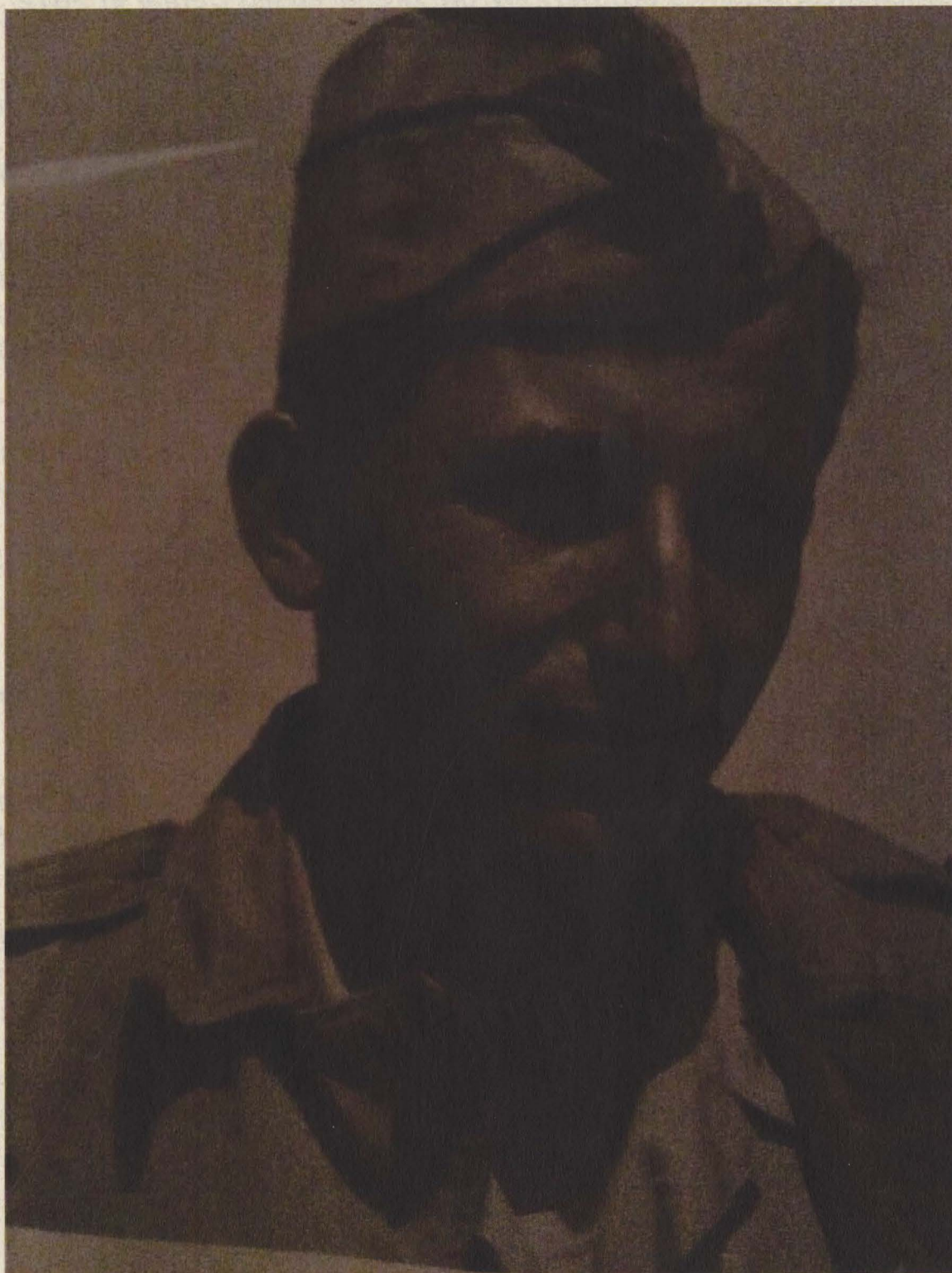


Denny D Pidhayny

March 23, 1919 – December 1, 2014



Denny Pidhayny, beloved husband, brother, uncle, and friend passed peacefully from complications following hip surgery. This extraordinary man leaves behind his beloved wife of 63 years, Patricia Ann (Roth) Pidhayny; nephews Randy Pidhayny, Michael, Joseph, and Chris Brindley; nieces Maureen Eaton, Ann Farrell, and Carmel O'Sullivan; dozens of grand nephews and nieces; and many good friends and colleagues. Denny's brother, Myron, predeceased Denny in 2012.

Denny was born in Detroit, Michigan, son of Dimitrius and Mary Pidhayny who emigrated from western Ukraine in 1906. Denny earned his Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering from Wayne State University in Detroit. After entering the Army at the beginning of WWII, his engineering expertise led the Army to commission him an officer in the Air Corps. He was selected to attend Harvard-MIT for the equivalent of a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering with emphasis on the new field of radar. This led to his military service as a Communication and Radar officer on the B-29 in the 792nd Squadron of the first B-29 wing, the 58th Bombardment Wing in the Pacific.

After WWII, Denny took his radar and electrical expertise to California contributing greatly to the early evolution of the aerospace industry.

Denny's skills brought him to Bendix, Hughes Aircraft, Ramo-Wooldridge, and finally Aerospace Corporation where he worked for 51 years. Denny amassed such recognition as appointment to the American Institute of Electrical Engineers (AIEE) and many commendations such as for his excellence on the Man-Orbiting Laboratory System, the Defense Satellite Communication System, and for the radio guidance systems for Cape Canaveral Atlas launches.

1951 featured an especially wonderful step for Denny, marriage to his bright, happy wife Patricia. Both have resided in their same home in Los Angeles since the late 1950's.

Denny's life also reflected diverse interests beyond science. He shared his expert knowledge of WWII and military history, world politics, and especially the B-29 and its missions with many authors who needed facts and perspective. He enjoyed a good opera as well as classic Dixieland jazz. His dozens of patents, copyrights, and accomplishments can be viewed by simply Googling his name on the internet.

Aerospace Corporation has honored this unique inventor, airman, historian, philanthropist, and patriot with a LifeTime Achievement Award for his multitude of contributions and mentorships. Thank you for joining Denny's family in celebrating his wonderful life and contributions to all he touched.