Air Force Song

Off we go into the wild blue yonder,
Climbing high into the sun;
Here they come zooming to meet our thunder,
At ‘em now, Give ‘em the gun!
Down we dive, spouting our flame from under,
Off with one helluva roar!
We live in fame or go down in flame. Hey!
Nothing’ll stop the U.S. Air Force!

High Flight Poem

BY JOHN GILLESPIE MAGEE JR.

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, or even eagle flew—
And, while with silent lifting mind I’ve trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

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APPRECIATION

On behalf of the family, we wish to express our gratitude for your many kindnesses in thought and deed, and for your attendance at the funeral service.

In Loving Memory of

Lt. Col. Russell C. Mickelson

September 8, 1929 - February 18, 2026

Services for

LT. COL. RUSSELL C. MICKELSON

U.S. Air Force, Retired

September 8, 1929
Ephraim, Utah

February 18, 2026
Las Vegas, Nevada

MARRIED: Joy Louisa Hurst on May 28, 1975 in Salt Lake City Temple

CHILDREN: Suzanne (Jim) Lawrence, Linda (Scott) McHale, Richard (Megan) Mickelson, Mary (Barry) Bender, Diane (Isaiah) Camejo

GRANDCHILDREN: Lindsey, Emily, Caroline, Holly, Charlotte, Archie, Harrison, Sarah, Garrett

SIBLINGS: Carol Bullock, Douglas Mickelson

FUNERAL SERVICES
Saturday, February 28, 2026
Magleby Mortuary
Manti, Utah

INTERMENT
Manti City Cemetery

Life Story ..... Richard Mickelson (Son)

Tribute ..... Douglas Mickelson (Brother)

Musical Selection..... Suzanne Lawrence (Daughter)

Open Tributes ..... Mickelson Children

Graveside Services

Dedication of the Grave..... Barry Bender (Son-in-Law)

Military Honors... United States Air Force Honor Guard