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Col. William G. Penfield, a decorated World War II pilot

A memorial service was conducted Tuesday for William G. Penfield, 70, of Costa Mesa, a retired Air Force colonel decorated in World War II, who died Sunday. Born in San Luis Obispo, Col. Penfield had lived in Costa Mesa for the past 25 years.

He was an Air Force pilot for many years, serving in the South Pacific and in North Africa during the war. He was decorated by the Republic of China for a mission during the war.

Col. Penfield also was active during the Korean and Vietnamese

wars and had recently been commander of the Costa Mesa Air National Guard Base.

He is survived by his wife Rita of Tustin; a son, William G. Penfield Jr. of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; a sister, Maxine Howell, of Mountain View; and five grandchildren.

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