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He was born in Preston, Franklin, Idaho on October 23, 1932 to Roston and Iris Day, the fifth of nine children. His thirst for knowledge began young as he tried to follow his older sister, Dorothy, to school each day when he was 3. Since they were unable to stop him, they allowed him to start school early. He joined the US Air Force to gain financing a college education. He achieved a Master's of Science degree in Nuclear Physics from the University of Idaho in 1966. He married Lieselotte Augusta Brose on December 17th, 1958, they remained married until her death on June 6, 2023. They adopted two children during this time John Patrick Day, deceased October 1995; and Lisa Day Collins. He was a loving father, husband and friend. He happily helped his brother, Dallas, many times when Dallas followed him into the US Air Force a few years after he, himself, entered the Air Force. He loved to play Bridge and ranked as a Master Player which let him go all over the world participating in- and leading-Bridge tournaments. He traveled the world, loving every minute of it. He could be considered your "phone a friend" for 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire' as he was very intelligent and knowledgeable about many things. He enjoyed reading the newspaper every day, completing all the puzzles. When his time in the regular Air Force was done, he continued in the US Air Force Reserves serving as a navigator and sometimes pilot. He retired from the Reserves in 2001 as a Lt. Colonel. After retirement from the Reserves, he

met annually with members of his flight crew in different air base cities often planning the events. During his Reserve years, and after them, at times, he ran his own defense contracting business and, at other times, he worked for other defense contractors writing proposals, conducting test and evaluation investigations for weapons and aircraft interface systems.

William is survived by his adopted daughter Lisa Collins and his brother Dallas Day along with the extended Day and Harris family members.

He was much loved and will be missed.