

# Galaxy of Stars Honor Roll

**ID**   **Name (Maiden Name),**   **Rank, Service**

**Service Dates**

<sup>143</sup> **Harry Joseph Schmitt, 1st Lt, USAF**

**06/20/1956 to 07/18/1958**



**AFSC   Job Title**  
**Assignment Dates   Unit, Assignment Location**

6/20/1956 to

, Lackland AFB, TX

**Comments:** All of my uncle's personnel records were destroyed by the 1973 fire at the National Archives facility in St. Louis. I have had to piece together his service record from the official documents that have been saved by my family. I wish I had more complete information to provide.

1/1/1957 to 9/20/1957

Navigator

3610th Navigator Training Wing, Harlingen AFB, TX

**Comments:**

9/20/1957 to 4/4/1958

Navigator

3565th Training Squadron, James Connally AFB, TX

**Comments:**

4/4/1958 to 7/18/1958

Navigator

98th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, Dover AFB, DE

**Comments:** Harry J. Schmitt died on July 18, 1958 after ejecting from a Northrop F-89J Scorpion about twenty-two miles east of Cape May, New Jersey. At the time he and the pilot of his jet were in the act of intercepting an unidentified plane that later turned out to be a Navy P-2V radar patrol plane flying where it should not have been. The F-89J jet itself sank to the bottom of the ocean but the pilot, 1st Lt. Gordon Reed Orme, was picked up at sea and survived.