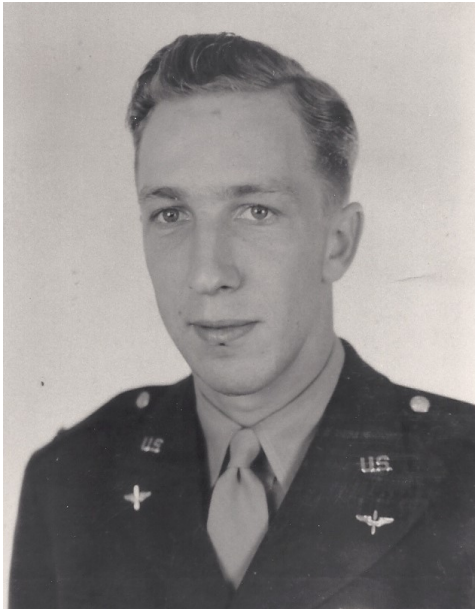


**POAGE**, Charles E. Jr.

“Bud”

B: 12 June 1923 Los Angeles, CA

D: 23 October 1965 Los Angeles, CA



**Hometown:** San Francisco, California

**Rank:** 2nd Lieutenant

**MOS:** 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

**Unit:** 335th Fighter Squadron

**Aircraft:**

P-51D-5-NA 44-13982 WD-V

P-51D-10-NA 44-14540 WD-V *Ascend Charlie*

**4th Service:** 13 July 1944 – 25 December 1944

SEP 44 Promoted to 2nd Lieutenant

25 DEC 44 Section bounced by six FW-190's while pursuing another German fighter. He was last seen attempting to bail out of his burning aircraft near Zissen, Germany.

POW (MACR 11166)

**Victories:**

3 (ground)

**Post 4th Fighter Group:**

Worked for North American Aviation as a test pilot, and later joined its Space and Information Systems Division as off-site liaison in the Apollo test program.

**Decorations:**

Air Medal (4 OLC), POW Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal.