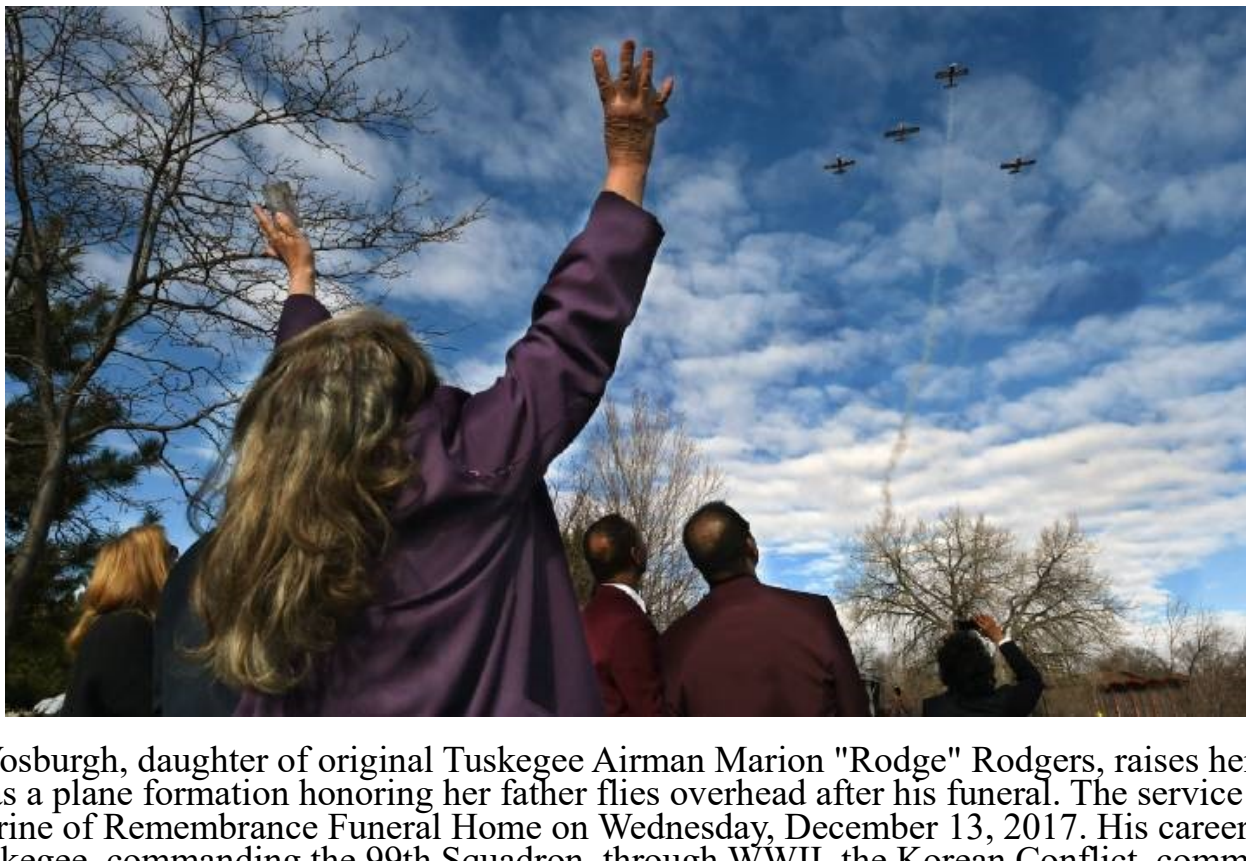


TUSKEGEE AIRMAN MARION "RODGE" RODGERS HONORED

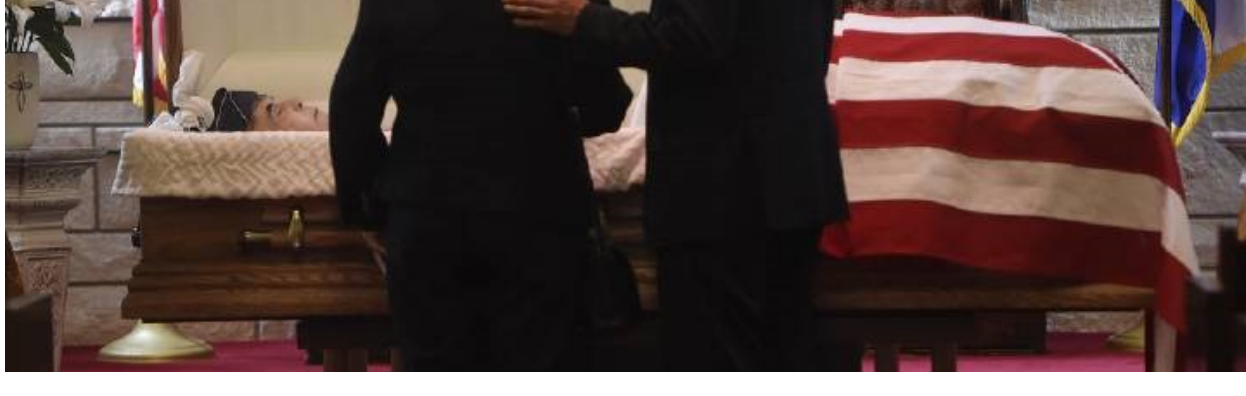
The funeral of Tuskegee Airman Marion "Rodge" Rodgers was held at the Shrine of Remembrance on Wednesday, December 13, 2017. *(Photos by Jerilee Bennett, The Gazette, unless otherwise stated)*



Denise Vosburgh, daughter of original Tuskegee Airman Marion "Rodge" Rodgers, raises her arms upward as a plane formation honoring her father flies overhead after his funeral. The service was held at the Shrine of Remembrance Funeral Home on Wednesday, December 13, 2017. His career led him from Tuskegee, commanding the 99th Squadron, through WWII, the Korean Conflict, commanding the 6023rd Radar Evaluation Squadron in Japan and Okinawa, and into the North American Air Defense Command. His final career assignment was on the Apollo 13 mission with NASA. He died on December 5 at the age of 96 years old.



Denise Vosburgh, looks upward as a plane formation honoring her father flies overhead after his funeral.



Rodgers' niece, Janet Rhoades, and great-nephew, Gerald Rhoades, pay their last respects before the funeral.



The flag from his casket being presented to his daughter, Denise Vosburgh and grandson (second from right) Ethan Vosburgh. Fellow Tuskegee Airman from the Korean War, Chief Master Sgt. Loran Smith, wipes tear during the presentation of the flag.



Rodgers' daughter, Denise Vosburgh, comes over to touch the casket after speaking at his funeral.



The above collage photos were taken at the service by Jerilee Bennett.



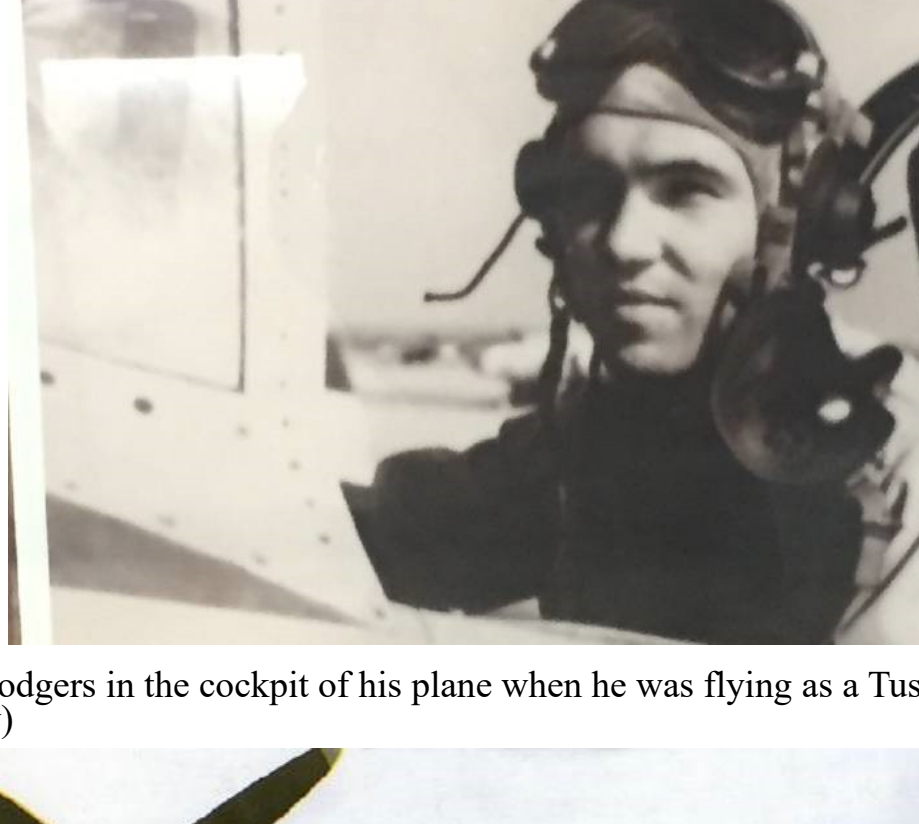
GAZETTE FILE PHOTOS Tuskegee Airman Marion "Rodge" Rodgers signs autographs at the January 2012 premier of the movie "Red Tails" in Colorado Springs, Colorado. *(Jerilee Bennett/The Gazette)*



GAZETTE FILE PHOTO Tuskegee Airman Marion "Rodge" Rodgers (right) signs autographs at the January 2012 premier of the movie "Red Tails" in Colorado Springs. *(Jerilee Bennett/The Gazette)*



GAZETTE FILE PHOTO The annual Tuskegee Airmen Celebration was held at the Air Force Academy on Monday, May 2, 2016. Before a wreath laying ceremony, Ret. Lt. Col. Marion Rodgers (center) visits with Cadet Naomi Alston (right) and Phyllis Dickerson (left). The Tuskegee Airmen triumphed over discrimination and racism to become heroes of World War II. Rodgers flew a P-51 Mustang and was a member of the famed 99th Fighter Squadron. *(photo by Jerilee Bennett/The Gazette)*



Marion "Rodge" Rodgers in the cockpit of his plane when he was flying as a Tuskegee Airman *(photo provided by family)*



Tuskegee Airmen-Marion "Rodge" Rodgers-bottom row-third from left *(photo provided by family)*