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General Vandenberg was a nephew of the late, great Republican Senator Arthur Vandenberg,

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and like the senator, was a victim of cancer.

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Both of them had all the treatments that conventional medicine could offer.

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General Vandenberg directed the creation and operation of the Air Force during World War

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II, shaping it into the tremendous force for victory, the victory in which it played

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such an important part.

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A likable, handsome and brilliant leader, he never gave up his struggle to keep America

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safe by keeping the Air Force strong.

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Millions of Americans will remember him best as the result of a picture that was widely

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published, a picture that was taken during a Senate committee hearing last year.

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It showed General Vandenberg with his head buried in his arms on the table, resting after

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his testimony.

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He was a very sick man even then.

