



"It's good to have a good successful flight," Jerry Larson of UP Aerospace said. "We had a lot of people working on this. We had Lockheed Martin and the Air Force and Schafer Corporation, all working to make sure this was successful."

The payload landed under its red parachute tested here earlier on a simulated payload.

Recovery was at the Army's White Sands Missile Range, which was also paid to provide radar tracking and a helicopter for payload pickup.

The payload, charred from its hypervelocity dash through the atmosphere, was quickly disassembled.

The human ashes flown were from people whose loved ones wanted them to go to space, at least for a little while...

"It's a very compelling mission for someone that's always been interested in space," said Charles Chafer, chief executive of [Celestis Inc.](#), the company offering the flights.

UP Aerospace is already making plans to launch bigger rockets here. Those would lift even more weight and possibly future vehicles that could carry small payloads on into orbit.

Nearby the giant spaceport terminal complex is rising out of the desert. That's where space tourists are supposed to lift off from here in a couple of years.

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