

He is survived by daughters Valerie Higgins, and Lori Cone, a son Robert S Simkins II, and four grandchildren.

His flight crew knew him as "Boxy".
Bob was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Member **Ben Murphy** 765 Sq passed away Dec 28th, 1987 in Texas. Ben was the bombardier on the first crew that I was on when I served as co-pilot. He was also the first squadron bombardier of the 765th squadron and was of the original air cadre of the 461st when we went to Orlando, Florida, to the School of Applied Tactics in August 1943. Ben lived in Spring Branch, Texas.

Reported by:
David P McQuillan 767 Sq.

Member **Newton D Lewis** 824 Sq. I am writing to inform you that my brother Newton D Lewis died on April 22, 1987.

Sara K Smith, sister
Greenville, PA

July 1988
Dear Mr Markel:

Sorry I have to report some bad news. My husband **James R Philpott** (484th BG) died July 9, 1988, from an apparent heart attack, so they tell me. He was in good health and feeling fine.

Respectfully,
Regina Philpott

Member **Vernon R Hood** 827 sq , Portland Oregon. Last Christmas I missed getting the ever faithful Christmas card from our crew's navigator. In January 1988, I received a note from his daughter that he had passed away in September of 1987, and was preceded in death by his lovely wife in April of 1987. He tried twice to attend a reunion but was knocked down by cancer both times. He is survived by two children, Barbara and David. He was a mathematician and an educator He was head of the math department of the Portland Public School System.

George P Agnost, 827 Sq, San Pablo, California crew nose gunner died in the summer of 1986 from heart problems. He was a lawyer and a city attorney for the city of San Francisco, CA

The crew list is as follows: Woodrow Wilson (P) Killed in a ground accident while the crew was on tactical assignment in France September 1944, William L Schneider (C/P) Later made first pilot, Carl Williams replacement (C/P), Michael P Goodman (B), Vernon N Hood (N), James O Clemons (E), Edward Wilcox (R/O), Joseph H Wythe (U/G), George P Agnost (N/G),

Burton Thompson (T/G), and Kenneth White (deceased) (B/G)

Our crew was lucky to survive, for on a mission to Munich in cooperation with 8th Air Force units, the weather closed in just as the two Forces arrived at the target at the same time. It was a time to think fast and execute a perfect vertical turn before the lights went out.

Reported by:
James O Clemons 827 Sq
Tulsa, OK

Member **Richard Kinman** 827 Sq passed away March 30, 1986. Dick flew in the now famous airplane of the 827 squadron, "Knock Out". His crew consisted of Edgar T Keffer (P), John H Bolen (C/P), Richard E Kinman (N), William Bryan (B), Lious J Hutana (E), Robert F Blank (R/O), Charles R Connelly (U/G), Oscar L Johnson (B/G), and Harold C Christenson (T/G) (Killed in Action)

Reported by his wife
Mrs Richard Kinman
Grand Island, NE

Member **Jim Sarros** 827 Sq passed away July 5, 1986

Reported by
Barbara B Sarros
Biloxi, MS

Member **Andrew R Kelly** (ASN 15119731) 766 Sq passed away April 13, 1987. Andrew attended the 1982 reunion in Dayton, OH. He served as an MOS 911 aircraft armorer.

Reported by
John J Kelly Jr
Cincinnati, OH



Harry F Solis 824 Sq

Member **Harry F Solis** 824 Sq Died November 26, 1987. Harry was one of the crew members who was picked up by a German Hospital ship after their airplane ditched in the Adriatic Sea. They were given the choice of being taken prisoner or being put back in their raft and taking their chances with the elements. The crew voted unanimously for freedom. They were