

time, Jim opted to continue on active duty and served honorable and faithfully for 28 years until his retirement as a Master/Sergeant in April 1973. He resided in San Angelo, Texas until his death.

He was an Elk, Moose, member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans, and the Air Force Sergeants Association.

Jim was a thoughtful, caring man who dearly loved his family and his fellow man. He is survived by his wife Helen Louise and a daughter Linda Louise, a brother Grover, a sister Hazel, and two grandsons Robert and Bradley.

His crew: J E White-Pilot, Elmer B McCully Jr-Co/Pilot, Robert Heath-Navigator, William R Gifford-Bombardier, Claud E Griffin-Engineer, James D Gunnels-Radio/ Operator, Theodore R Gressen-Gunner, Thomas F Parker-Gunner, Thomas Reynolds-Gunner, and Richard Sites-Gunner.

Darlene Doppee

Darlene Doppee, 827 Squadron, daughter of Maj Don Haldeman 827 Squadron Commander, KIA May 29, 1944, (See Torretta Flyer No 15 page 10) passed away September 14 1989 due to complications of pneumonia. She was born October 4, 1941, at Stanford Hospital, Stanford, California. She remembered little about her father being almost three years old before his death. She was very anxious to learn more about her father. She joined the Association in June 1987 and attended the Colorado Springs and San Francisco reunions. It was at the reunions where she met members who knew her father. The evenings of the squadron dinners were very emotional for Darlene. As each person who knew Maj Haldeman got up and spoke of her father, Darlene hung on every word and nuance. She almost glowed with excitement as the missing parts of her life were revealed. The experiences of those two squadron dinner nights were especially meaningful for Darlene. It was the gift of someone else's memory, an intangible, wonderful gift of immeasurable value that meant so much to her.

She was preceded in death by her father, Don Haldeman, her stepfather, and her brother Barton. She is survived by her husband, Jim Doppee and sons, Tim and Victor, and her mother, Lois Locke (widow of Don Haldeman).



Darlene and father (below) Don Haldeman, Hastings, Nebraska winter 1944.



Photo (above) Jim and Darlene Doppee taken on cruise to Alaska, 1989.

Hugh G Baker

Hugh G Baker ASN 34720251, 765 Squadron, passed away December 4, 1989, from lung cancer. He was the engineer on crew 22 piloted by Robert E Arbuthnot. They called their ship #22 "All American."

Hugh flew his first mission from Torretta on April 15, 1944 to Bucharest, Rumania, a double mission, and the last on August 17, 1944 to Ploesti, Rumania. He accumulated 264 combat hours before completion of his combat tour of 50 missions.

He is survived by his daughter, Lynn Christensen.



Crew Photo: Robert E Arbuthnot-Pilot (Front row L), Jack T Gunn-Co-pilot (2nd L front row), Leland J Harp-Navigator (R front row), William E Patterson Jr-Bombardier (3rd from L front row), Hugh G Baker-Engineer (2nd from R top row), Eric C English-Radio Operator (3rd fr L top Row), Elza S Massie-Gunner (L top row), Warren H Moss-Gunner (4th fr L top row), Roy M Walkama-Gunner (R top row), and Robert L Molyneux-Gunner(2nd fr L top row).