

George E Koch, 824 Squadron

George E Koch left a brother Alfred Koch, and one daughter Darlyn Vetrano. George died before receiving the last Toretta Flyer, not aware that he lived just 2 miles from the Williston, Morrison area in Florida, where new combat crews ferried heavy bombers over the southern route to Europe during WWII. In the States prior to overseas service, George flew in a B-24 named "Zat Zo."



diagnosed as Ankylosing Spondylitis approximately ten years ago. As I understand it, Ankylosing Spondylitis was not "discovered" by medical science until about twenty years ago.

We believe that this disease was triggered by trauma when my father parachuted from his B-24 over Austria. In spite of the fact that a VA orthopedist has written a report to this effect, the VA has denied compensability. We are continuing with the appeal of this denial.

Please let me know if I can provide you with any other information.

Sincerely yours,
Sam F Lowe, III

Mr. Samuel F. Lowe Jr. 72, of Atlanta, a retired lawyer and former State Court judge, died of complications of emphysema. He is buried in Arlington Memorial Park.

He was retired from private legal practice and a former partner in Smith, Cohen, Ringel, Kohler, Martin and Lowe. Earlier, he was a judge of the Fulton County Civil Court, later renamed State Court, in 1950-55.

Samuel Franklin Lowe Jr. was born Nov. 9, 1918, in Sandersville. He was the son of the Rev. Samuel F. Lowe Sr. and Maude Hammock Lowe. The family moved to Atlanta and he graduated from Boys High and Mercer University.

He was a B-24 navigator in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He was disabled when he parachuted from his plane, shot down over Austria, and spent 11 months as a prisoner of war. He received a Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal and Purple Heart.

Mr. Lowe was a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers; a former chairman of a Grievance Committee of the State Bar of Georgia; and a former member of the Executive Committee of the Atlanta Bar Association. He also belonged to the Masons, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans.

Surviving are: his wife, Frances Brittain Lowe; two sons, Samuel F. Lowe III and the Rev. Jeffrey C. Lowe of Atlanta; two daughters, Linda Kelly of Greenville, S.C., and Janice M. Lowe of Atlanta; a brother, the Rev. Lewis C. Lowe of

Augusta; a sister Marion Hodges of Morrow; and five grandchildren.

P.S. I talked to Sam in October of 1990. He was on oxygen and could not talk long, he said he did not get his chute completely when he jumped and hurt his back, and had had no luck with the VA in spite of the fact Sen Sam Nunn was on his case.

Judson Moore, 766 Sq.

Leslie H Kummer Jr 827 Squadron

Member Leslie H Kummer passed away in June of 1992 from adrenol cancer. He had undergone major surgery in 1987 and fought a losing battle since that date. He attended the 1990 reunion in Nashville and enjoyed it very much but his health prevented attendance at subsequent reunions.



From left to right: Don Rogers, Aaron Scharf, Clarence C Young, and Leslie H Kummer.

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(Letter from Sam F Lowe, III forwarded to the Association)

Enclosed is a copy of my father's obituary per your request. Since WWII, my father has had back problems culminating in a virtual fusion of his spine from arthritis. This condition was finally