

Italy. He flew with the 15th Air Force, 49th Wing, the 484th Bomb Group, 827th Bomb Squadron, at Torretta, Cerignola, Italy.

After World War II, he became a flight instructor at Ferns Flying Service prior to and following serving in the Korean Conflict as a B-29 combat gunnery crewman. He completed 26 missions out of Okinawa.

From 1954 to 1960, he worked in child care with his mother, Marion G. Shaw, at the Rolfe and Rumford Home in Concord. He also had worked for the Concord Electric Co., retiring in 1983 as fleet maintenance supervisor.

He had worked as a ski-instructor at the Elgin Kibby Slopes and White Park. From 1960 to 1962, he was employed at Banks Chevrolet in the service department.

He is a charter member of the New England Ski Museum in Franconia; a member of 461st & 484 Bomb Groups Association; the Mount Washington observatory, a member of the Central, NH Corvair Association, the 15th Air Force Association; the Concord American Legion Post, the Audubon Society of New Hampshire; the Society for Protection of New Hampshire Forests; and a member of the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen

He leaves his wife of 41 years Janet (Hanson) Shaw of Bow, NH two nephews, D. Craig Shaw of Odenton, Md., and Dirk A. Shaw of Albuquerque, NM, aunts and cousins

He is buried in Evens Cemetery in Bow, NH

Stephen Smith Jr 825 Squadron

Stephen Smith Jr died in February of this year.

Joseph J Student 766 Squadron

Joseph J Student, a tail gunner on Ernest L Skinner's crew succumbed to a heart attack in December of 1992.

James H Sullivan 826 Squadron

James H Sullivan the co/pilot on James E Kennedy's crew is reported deceased.

Charles E. Trinkle, 826 Squadron

Charles Edward Trinkle, 71, of 8507 White Horse Road, Greenville SC, died July 14, 1992, at his home after 18 months of illness. He was a salesman for Reynolds Metal Co. until he retired, and a member of Christ Church Episcopal. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps gunner on a B-24 during World War II. Surviving are his wife Geri, and a half brother J Byron Settle

Bud Markel

Thank you for your kind letter of October last. I met my husband Charlie, after the war. He always talked of his crew with such deep feelings. As many couples in the 50's, we transferred many times with his company and we lost touch with most of the crew members.

After Charlie retired in 1984, he spent over a year tracing the crew. And they had a reunion in Columbus, Ohio in 1985. I am sending a picture of the 4 men who could come to the reunion. The pilot's widow, Eileen Mitchell and her oldest son was there. After all those many years, these men were together again and it was as if they had seen each other recently. It meant a great deal to all of them to see each other once again. And to me, it is a precious memory for always. Mr. Markel I cannot begin to tell you how many hours Charlie read the Flyer. He enjoyed each edition so very much. I would very much like to continue the membership. In this way I can keep the memories close to my heart.

Sincerely,
Geri M. Trinkle



Charles Edward Trinkle (shown 2nd from left bottom row)

Mary Lou Watkins

Mary Lou Watkins was born November 24, 1918 in Lakewood Ohio; died on December 3, 1992. She is survived by her husband Harry R. Watkins 827 Squadron, sons John Saunders, and James R. Watkins daughter and son-in-law, Marie Aleana and Baldev Chaudhari; grandchildren, Sanjay, Sara, Sunil, and Smita Chaudhari; her brother Frederick J. Schrenk of Fort Pierce, Florida and sister, Marcia A. Stack of Lorain, Ohio.

Mary Lou, an ardent supporter of the Association from our very beginning; was one of our two-lady Group Flag committee, and together with Mrs. Jay (Ginny) Dudley, was instrumental in making the 484th/461st Group Flags a reality.