



1/Lt Earl Svela 824 Sq

Earl Svela, 80, a first Pilot has died. He was born June 24, 1918 in Canada, one of eight children. The family moved to Crosby ND, where he continued his schooling, graduating from high school in 1936. He moved to Port Angeles, WA in 1937, where he became a United States Citizen. He joined Montgomery Ward as a window displayman and clothing salesman. He courted and married Helen Pool of Port Angeles in 1942. Earl enlisted in the Army Air Force, graduating as a multi-engine B-24 pilot.

He is survived by his wife Helen, sons Earl Jr, and Bruce, brothers: Norman and Raymond, a sister, Esther, and four grandchildren.

He completed 35 missions with the 824 Sq. On March 1, 1945 his crew was as follows:

- 1/lt Earl Svela-P
- 2/Lt Dexter C Shultz-C/P
- 1/Lt Abraham Abramoff-N
- 1/Lt Harry Gamauf-B
- T/Sgt Warde H Bernhardt-E
- T/Sgt Arlis Foster-RO
- S/Sgt Douglas D Morse-G
- S/Sgt Norman K Hartman-NG
- S/Sgt Frank R Mendes-UG
- S/Sgt Howard T Hoffman

Position: Baker 11, Ship 403 Nose No 28



To All My Loved Ones

Do not stand at my grave and weep.
I am not there; I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow
I am the diamond glints on snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain,
I am the soft, sweet, autumn rain.

When you awake in the morning's hush
I am the sweet uplifting rush of silent
birds in circled flight.

I am the soft stars that shine at night
Do not stand at my grave and cry.
I am not there. I did not die.

Submitted on the Internet by John Tracey

Editors Note: This poem was E-Mailed by member Al Kline, who searches the internet for interesting material that we might consider for the Flyer. You can e-mail him at drkline@earthlink.net

S/Sgt Hermand J. White 824 Sq.

Hermand J. White of York died of natural causes at 5:37 p.m. March 11 at Manor Care Health Services, Dallastown. He was 74.

Mr. White retired in 1991 as an illustrator for the Army Corps of Engineers from the New Cumberland Army Depot.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church. He was a staff sergeant in the Army during World War II. He was a member of Shiloh American Legion Post No. 791. He was a 1951 graduate of Kutztown University. Born in Bloomsburg, Columbia, Lancaster County, Feb. 20, 1924, he was a son of the late Herman and Matilda Bush White.

He leaves his wife, Arlene L. Blass White, three daughters, Joan White of York, Anne Kubeldis of Freeport, Armstrong County, and Maria White of Glendale, AZ; four sons, Robert J. White of Dallas, Joseph R. White of York Haven and Christopher V. White and Michael H. White, both of York; 14 grandchildren; and a brother, John E. White of Las Vegas, NV.

Burial was in Holy Saviour Cemetery with military rites by York County Veterans Honor Guard.