

## Lloyd Hanson, 826 Sq



Lt/Col. Lloyd Hanson-Bombardier, was born May 2, 1924 in Arthur, N.D. to Carland Amanda Lambrecht Hanson. He was in the U.S. Air Force for a total of 27 years, serving in World War II and in the Korean and Vietnam wars. He retired in 1969 as a Lieutenant Colonel. He moved to Lompoc, CA that year and was employed in real estate sales for 16 years. He died Tues. May 11, 1999 at age 74. Survivors include his wife, Jean Hanson of Lompoc; son, James Hanson of Wilmington, N.C.; daughters, Mary Ledford of Aromas, Calif. and Barbara Hanson of Lancaster; sister, Audrey Grieve of Buffalo, N.D.; four granddaughters and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was called into active duty in April, 1943, and received basic training at Sheppard Field, TX, College training Galesburg, IL, Preflight at Ellington AFB, gunnery at Laredo, and then to bombardier training at Midland, TX, graduating in June 1944. He joined a bomber crew and was assigned to the 826 Squadron and flew 26 combat missions. He returned to civilian life after the war but was recalled in 1951 where he served as a B-29 bombardier instructor. Lloyd became a Radar Navigator at Holmstead AFB on B-47s and B-52s. His last duty station was Clinton Sherman AFB. He retired from service July 1969.

## James L. Hill, 827 Sq.

James L. Hill, 73, of Palm Desert, died March 25, 1999, in Brea. Jimmy Hill was the baby of the Ben Guisbond crew, of which your Editor was the engineer. Jim and I would talk cars well into the night, he for Chevrolet, me for Ford. He was very athletic and tried to drag me to the softball games that always seemed to be in progress. But I preferred to sleep between missions. He was good hearted and didn't say much when I filled a condom with water to about the size of a rat and placed in his cot. When he rose up in



*The Lloyd Hanson Crew: From left back row: Stan Forester-P, Ed Lechtanski-C/P, and Lloyd Hanson-B. Kneeling from left: Ed Domenico-E, Harry Marshall-W/G, Harry Humrighouse-B/G, Ed Wiggins-T/G, Roy Humrighouse-W/G, and George Pringle-R/O.*

surprise as his bare feet touched the cold rubber, there was a look of apprehension, then wonder that came over his face. He looked sternly at each of us in turn asking with his eyes who did the trick. I confessed at the Torrance, CA reunion in 1981. He forgave me but said "don't ever do it again." The six enlisted men of our tent were like brothers from a big family, Jimmy was like the kid brother to me.

He was born Oct. 7, 1925, to Claud C. and Delia J. Brickell Hill in Monette, Ark. He married Josephine Aquilla Pillow on May 18, 1945, in Holcomb, MO.

He was the director of Building and Safety for Palm Desert for eight years, a self-employed building code consultant for 10 years and a licensed building contractor.

He served in the U.S. Army Air Forces during World War II as a Nose Gunner on crew 74, 827. He was a member of the Gardena Veterans of Foreign Wars and a past president of the Exchange Club of Palm Desert.

Survivors include his wife, Josephine; two daughters, Donna Chandler of San Juan Capistrano and Dianne of Gardena; three grandchildren; his mother, Delia of Gardena; two brothers, Fred Charles of Lake Forest and Maurice of Mariposa; and a sister, Joella Cole of Reseda.

