

Arthur Aldene, 827 Sq.

Arthur Delmar Aldene, 77, of Moline died Friday, Jan. 7, 2000, at University of Wisconsin Hospital, Madison WI.

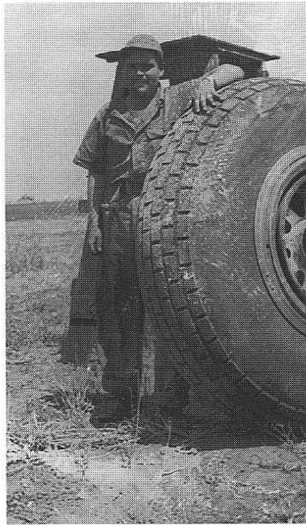
Arthur Delmar Aldene was born on Aug. 4, 1922, in Moline to Arthur E and Emma (Andregg) Aldene. He married Betty L. Ash on Nov. 25, 1950, at the Evangelical Free Church, Moline.

Arthur was employed with John Deere Harvester Works in manufacturing engineering from Jan. 2, 1952, until Nov. 1, 1982. He also enjoyed cars, golfing, and especially spending time with his grandchildren.

Arthur was a member of First Presbyterian Church, East Moline, at which he was a former Sunday school teacher, elder and church treasurer.

Art Aldene was an Assistant Crew Chief, working long hours with the other mechanics to keep the ships of the 827 Squadron flying such as "War Weary, Knock Out", and Broad Abroad. He was an active member of the association and attended many reunions with wife Betty.

Arthur is survived by his wife, Betty; three daughters, Kathie Aldene of East Moline, Janet Freeborn and her husband, Joseph, of Bettendorf, and Susan Aldene of Madison, Wis.; and a sister and brother-in-law, Mary Lou and Dwight Nelson of Platteville, Wis. Arthur is also survived by his grandchildren, Alex, Samantha, Kyle and Randi Freeborn of Bettendorf. Arthur was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Wade Aldene.



Joseph G Blanc Jr, 824 Sq.

Joseph G Blanc Jr, died in 1998. He enjoyed receiving information about the group and when both he and Maxine were alive, they traveled to several of the reunions and had a great time. He died suddenly of a brain hemorrhage after falling and hitting his head at home. He and his grandchildren (19 & 20) were decorating the house for Christmas; when he fell down the stairs.

Joe Blanc served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and flew 50 missions as a top turret gunner on B-24s. He flew out of North Africa and Torretta Field in Italy. After his discharge, he returned to Walla Walla and resumed farming.

Blanc married Maxine Jensen on June 3, 1946, in Ferdinand, Idaho. They made their home in Burbank, later moving to Spring Creek where they farmed for 15 years. They later moved back to Walla Walla. Upon retirement, they enjoyed traveling, golfing and frequent trips to Nevada with family members. He was active in the Assumption Catholic Church, the Elks, 484 Bomber Group Association, the DeSales Booster Club and the Walla Walla Country Club. He enjoyed fishing and gardening.

Survivors include daughters and sons-in-law Mary Margaret "Muff" and Dennis Balakier of Walla Walla plus Judy and Kerry Hampton of Vancouver; sisters Agnes Long of Livingston, Mont., Elizabeth Howard of Snohomish and Virginia Campbell of Roswell, Ga; brothers Marcel of Dixie, Albert of Livingston, Robert of Pendleton and Raymond of Pascoe; as well as four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife and a sister, Mary Louise Blanc.

Eugene J Callahan, 827 Sq.

Eugene J. Callahan, 78, a World War II veteran who long studied the history of the war, died Saturday, December 25, 1999, of complications from a fall while jogging.

Mr. Callahan served in the, Army Air Forces, 484th Bomb Group with the rank of first 1/Lt. He flew 51 missions as a bombardier in B-24s. and received the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters.

He graduated from Washington University with a degree in business administration in 1948 and worked for American Appraisal and Marshall & Stevens.

After retiring, Mr. Callahan spent summers at Cambridge University in England, studying the war and Winston Churchill's life, about which he liked to speak.

Survivors include his wife, Jeanne Byrne Callahan; two sons, John R. Callahan and Matthew Callahan, a brother, Robert F. Callahan a sister, Patricia Callahan, and three stepchildren.

He is buried in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. shown below.



Aircraft maintenance crew 827 Sq. who were detailed to prepare the airfield for return to the owner of the land, one Baron Sezza. The men are from left: Richard Warrington, Charles Marrs, James Lowry, Art Aldene, Edgar Livingston, and James A Hart. Arthur Barkley photo