

Leonard W Kiteley

Glendora, CA 91740

Dear Mrs Kiteley

Back in May of this year I received an E-mail from Susan Piorunski (rasu2@aol.com) Giving me some details of Leonard's life. I will of course publish an obituary, but the story will be much better with a photograph of Leonard W (Bud) Kiteley in uniform when he served with the 484th Bomb Group and of his flight crew. For your information, his flight crew is shown below. If you can add any more information on Leonard and his crew I would appreciate hearing from you. John Stonecipher sent me some photos via e-mail some time ago but they are not identified.

Duty	Rank	1st Name	L Name	Unit
T/G	Cpl	Earl W	Biesecker	825
N	2/Lt	William	Boluch (D)	825
G	Sgt	John V	Clyne	825
R/O	T/Sg	Robert F	Gibson	825
BG	S/Sg	Leonard W	Kiteley (D)	825
C/P	2/Lt	Myron L	Kuzma	825
E	T/Sg	Clifford F	Lee	825
G	S/Sg	Walter J	Purol	825
P	1/Lt	John	Stonecipher	825

With warm regards, Bud Markel



Naperville, IL

Dear Mr. Markel:

Last November, I wrote to inform you that my uncle, Leonard W. (Bud) Kiteley, had died. I'd like to give you a few more details at this time, and tell you a little bit about him, a wonderful family man, and a cherished uncle. He died on November 11, 1999, at the age of 76 after a battle with lung cancer. The day of his death was also Veteran's Day, and how truly fitting, for he was so proud to have served his country during WWII. He actually gave almost 20 years of his life to military service. During the war, he served with the 484th Bomb Group in Torretta, Italy, as a ball turret gunner.

His plane was nicknamed "Stud Hoss" and was piloted by, I believe, John Stonecipher. He spoke of his military days often, and one could hear the pride and love in his voice when he spoke of his experiences and of the men with whom he served. He served in both the European and Pacific combat areas.

My Uncle Bud led a very fulfilled life, was dearly loved and respected by all. He left behind his beloved wife, Odell, with whom he had shared 44 years of matrimony, two daughters Lisa Wolfe and Dana Faust and their husbands, and one son, Scott Kiteley. He was the proud grandpa of Crystal Pratt and Jeff, Brian, and Kristen Faust.

He touched so many lives, in so many ways, that to say he will be missed is surely an understatement. He had a wonderful sense of humor, and told stories that would leave his listeners hanging on to his every word and begging for more. It was a tragedy that only shortly before his death he learned of your group, his former comrades in arms, and had he not been so ill at the time, would have gone to the reunion in St. Louis. In fact, he had planned on it, had looked forward to it with tremendous anticipation, before getting sidelined by his illness.

Thank you for taking the time to read this, and if you see fit

to post it in your publication, please let us know how it would be possible to procure a copy of it as a keepsake. If you wish to correspond with his widow her address is as follows: Odell Kiteley, 1630 S Barranca Sp #110, Glendora CA 91740.

Susan Piorunski



Kiteley's flight crew, From left: Walter J Purol-UG, Leonard Kiteley-BG, John Stonecipher-P, Pete Kusma-CP, Clifford F Lee-E, Jake Biesecker-TG, Bill Boluch-N, John V Clyne NG, Robert F Gibson- RO. John Stonecipher photo

Edward O Nesheim



Capt. Edward O Nesheim, Ordnance Officer 824 Sq has passed away after a lingering illness. He was well liked by the men who worked with him and wasn't afraid to get his hands dirty. Drafted in 1941 he progressed from private to Captain starting out as a drill sergeant and was a welding instructor at Aberdeen Proving Grounds. From there after graduation from OCS he was assigned to ordnance duties with the 484th Bomb Group. After the war, he graduated from Dentistry School under the GI Bill, and established a practice in Sharon, ND. Ed's first love however was farming, and he grew wheat and other grains near Sharon, ND from 1955 to 1979. His son Edward Carl Nesheim took up the plow and farms in North Dakota. He was born April 20, 1920 and died April 22, 2000 two days after his 80th birthday, he leaves four children: Tessa, Sonja Adahl, Edward C, and Eric.