

**Francis J "Frank" Riley**

Francis J "Frank" Riley, a pilot with the 767 squadron has passed away. He retired from the service in January of 1965. He was very proud of his Air Force service to the country, and was accorded a full military funeral. He was completely bedridden for 4 months which devastated him as he was a very active person.

He and wife Janie attended reunions in 1982, 1983, and 1984.



Photo above, Francis "Frank" Riley

**Charles L Walling, 826 Sq.**

Charles L Walling, 826 Squadron, passed away January 11, 1992, from a massive heart attack. He and his wife, Evelyn were married for 48 years.



Charles L Walling



Photo 2 above, Riley's crew :Standing from left: Crosson, Nelson, Hunter, and Abriatis. Sitting from left: Southerland, Hansen, Hudson, May, and Watkins

**Raymond C Lung Jr 767 Sq.**

Raymond C Lung Jr-767 Top turret gunner on Ralph Newton's crew passed away. On a mission September 26, 1944, he was reported MIA on Mission #107 September 25, 1944, to Athens Greece to attack submarine installations. He was returned to duty October 20, 1944

He never quite recovered from an automobile accident in 1985 when his son was killed.

He and his wife Glenda were able to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary last November (1991) when they restated their wedding vows.

Other members of his crew

were: Dwaine Vaughn-C/P; John Erdman-B; Edward Grimstead-N; Bernard Gessner-R/O; Ray Bushing-T/G; Robert Crawford-N/G; and Ed Boushell-B/G.



**Armand D. Bottiglia**

Armand D. Bottiglia, 72 Navigator, 767 squadron, died the first part of last year. He was born in Bernardsville, New Jersey, where he lived until he joined the Army in February 1942 and then transferred to the Air Corps in October 1942 to become a Navigator.

He flew with Pilot Robert Luebke's crew based in Italy, 767th Squadron, 461st Bomb Group, together with crew members Jack "Mac" McCauley, Co-Pilot, Miles Amos, Bombardier, George Iubelt, Radio Operator, Graydon Dahlen, Top Turret Gunner, Herb Weber, Tail Gunner, George Hart, Nose/Gunner Don Hilgart Engineer, and Lee Fitzpatrick, Ball Gunner. This truly outstanding crew flew 35 Heavy Bombardment missions together to Italy, France, Germany, Austria, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Greece, the Northern Appenines, and the Balkans. Armand was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, 2 Air Medals (one with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters), the EAME Theater Ribbon, and the American Theater Ribbon.

He was discharged from the Air Corps with the rank of Captain and returned to his home town where he worked for 35 years as the

Production manager for U.S. Radium, which manufactured X-Ray screens for both medical and non-medical use.

He devoted his free time as an Elder in his Church served as master of his home town Masonic Lodge, loved plant life, classical music, and was an ardent golfer winning many trophies. He married in 1961, wanted to travel but increasing responsibilities at work necessitated staying close to home until poor health forced him into early retirement.

He devoted most of his time and energies during the last 5 years of his life trying to locate all the members of his Air Force crew and succeeded in finding all but 2.

He is survived by his wife, Anne., two brother and two sisters.