



Dorothy and Ed Kabasa. Photo taken during the 94 reunion cruise

the place from stem to stern, do the laundry and have supper ready for Dorothy when she got home. He also loved to bake apple pies for his friends and associates. Ed took great pride in his Polish heritage and his sense of humor showed greatly in today's paranoia of being politically correct and fear of racism. He loved to tell

Pollock jokes.

He always cracked up this Irish-mick. Ed began to acknowledge his mortality as all of us do in our age group and contacted his old WWII buddies and attended their reunions. Ed was a gallant B-24 pilot. I am certain it was his Silver Wings, Jaunty Uniform and the 50 mission crush of his hat that in part won Dorothy's heart when they first met in 1945. As I look at us gathered here, I see many of Ed's golfing friends.

Ed spent many very early mornings going to the club house to secure desired tee times for his golf mates. I am certain Ed is now playing the most beautiful course in the universe and making a hole-in-one on every green. We pray he will enjoy his eternal rest at Heaven's 19th hole. We will all miss Ed.

Mort Sullivan



William A Crawford Jr, Edward J Kabasa (D), and Albert C Hitzing (D)



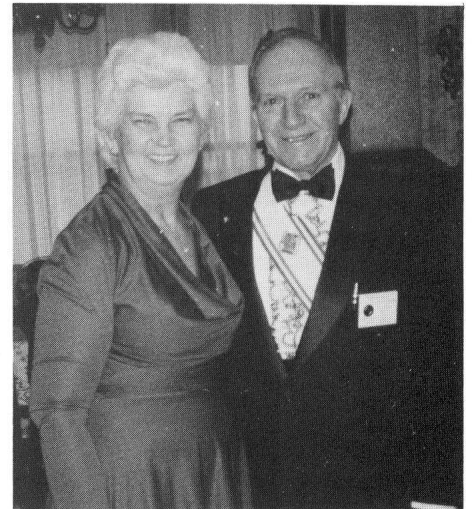
His crew: Back row from left: T/Sgt Archie E Olson-R/O, Elder D Adams-N/G, Edward J Kabasa (D)-C/P, Cecil E Wilkinson-B/B, Albert C Hitzing (D)-P, and Stanley G Zawaskas-B. Front row: Albin A Rogers-E, James K Baker-A/E, Hilton C Bowen Jr-T/G, and William A Crawford Jr-N.

Cpl George E Kolbe 826 Sq.

George E Kolbe 76, the radio operator on Bill Dipple's crew passed away on January 14, 1995. He enlisted in the Air Corps July 1942, joining the 826 squadron in January 1943 and was discharged September 1945.

Married to Theresa Malone in 1948, they had six boys and three girls. He was a good father teaching his children to play ball, tennis, and ice skating. At age 70 he was still teaching his grandchildren to ice skate.

He retired from the Ford Motor Company after 32 years service. He was a man of strong beliefs and acted on them.



Theresa and George Kolbe

On February 17, 1945 the aircraft in which George was aboard was involved in a mid air collision. The aircraft piloted by Abner McDaniel crashed on the Isle of Vis, killing most on board with the exception of George Kolbe and one other survivor. Abner McDaniel was listed KIA on that day.