for Italy as part of the 484th Bomb Group.

After his overseas duty, in August 1944, he returned to the U.S. and was stationed at Smokey Hill AF Base in Salina, Kansas. There he began working with the B-29 until his separation from the service in October 1945.

After Steve was discharged, he returned to his hometown of Fulton, NY. He worked 24 years for the Sealright Co. in Fulton. He retired in 1992, after 21 years, from the New York State Dept. of Labor as a Senior Safety Consultant for Federal OSHA Law.

Photography was one of Steve's many hobbies. He was especially proud of the pictures he had taken and developed while he was in the service. In more recent years, his collection of photographs included pictures of the old warplanes that he photographed at various air shows.

Steve was a member of the 484th Bomb Group Association and attended the 1983 reunion in Williamsburg. He was also a member of the Confederate Air Force.

Steve is survived by his wife, Edith, a son Stephen L., three daughters - Sharon, Eva, & Linda, and 9 grandchildren.

A Poem by Al Solomon 826

Where have the years gone?

Deeper within our hearts, growing nurturing waiting.

Waiting for the light of our caring the water of our silent tears, and the love of knowing our fellow mates.

The meeting with comrades supplied the nutrients for those years to bloom, bigger, brighter, and most fulfilling.

Renewing friendships that never really disappeared.



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