

# Obituaries

LILIANE F. BLEDSOE, 37, wife of MSgt. Phillip W. Bledsoe, died June 23 in Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland AFB, Tex. Surviving besides her husband are two sons, Marc and Eric, two daughters, Theresa and Marcia, a brother, and her mother, France Moret. Contributions may be sent the American Cancer Society.

COL. JOHN S. CHALFANT (USAF, Ret.) died June 22 in Bucklin, Kan. As a command pilot he flew B-17s in World War II and C-47s during the Berlin Airlift. He also served as air attache in the U.S. Embassy, Ankara, Turkey, and as chief of staff, MAC, Bangkok, Thailand. He retired at Maxwell AFB, Ala., in 1969. His son, Lt. John L. Chalfant (USAF, Ret.), died Feb. 13. Surviving are Colonel Chalfant's wife, Gladys, a son, Lt. Barry Chalfant, USN, and a daughter, Mrs. Joseph V. Freeman. Interment was in Bucklin Cemetery. Contributions may be sent the American Cancer Society.

MSGT. RICHARD C. FISCHER (USAF, Ret.) died June 14 in

Orlando, Fla. He served as a fighter pilot in England in World War II and retired after 32 years in 1973. Surviving are his wife, Dorma, a daughter, Sherrel, a son, Cadet Bradley Leigh, USAF Academy, a stepson, William E. Troxell of MacD-

ill AFB, Fla., four sisters and a brother. Military services were held in St. Augustine, Fla., followed by a flypast of P-51s.

Obituary notices in typed or printed form may be sent to AFTimes, 475 School St., SW, Washington, D.C. 20024.

## AF Deaths

Following is the official death list for active and retired persons as reported by the Casualty Reporting and Survivor Assistance Branch, Hq USAF. The active list shows the person's name, rank, base of assignment and date of death. The retired list shows the person's name, rank, date and place of death and a date of retirement.

### ACTIVE

ANTIS, Jeffrey, Christopher, AMN, March 29, 1975, McGuire AFB, N.J.  
 BASTONI, Frank Lawrence Jr., A1C, June 13, 1975, McConnell AFB, Kans.  
 BETHEA, Kerry Tresby, A1C, May 25, 1975, McClellan AFB, Calif.  
 BROWDER, Lon Ann, Sgt., May 24, 1975, Luke AFB, Ariz.  
 BROWN, Larry Lee, 1st Lt., June 14, 1975, APO New York 09022

FORSYTHE, Richard D., CMSgt., June 14, 1975, Lackland AFB, Tex.  
 HAGGERTY, Thomas Lee, TSgt., June 16, 1975, Conneltsville, Pa.  
 HANDSOME, Edward Caesar Jr., SSgt., June 17, 1975, Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 1, 1971.  
 HOLMES, T., MSgt., Jan. 10, 1975, Pensacola, Fla., Aug. 31, 1943.  
 HOYT, Shari Mae, Maj., May 23, 1975, El Paso, Tex., May 23, 1975.  
 INGRAM, Elvin Crane, Maj., June 11, 1975, Mansfield, La., Oct. 1, 1945.  
 JOHNSON, John Peter Jr., TSgt., June 9, 1975, Houston, Tex., June 30, 1965.  
 JONES, Lewis Woodrow, Lt. Col., June 17, 1975, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex., Feb. 1962.  
 KIRKHART, Lee Roy Jr., SSgt., June 22, 1975, Altus AFB, Okla., Nov. 1, 1970.  
 MANOVICH, John, CMSgt., June 14, 1975, Greensburg, Pa., June 1, 1971.  
 MASON, James Emmett, SSgt., June 12, 1975, New Orleans, La., Sept. 1, 1969.  
 MOLNAR, Cyril R., SSgt., June 19, 1975, Washington, D.C., April 30, 1969.  
 MORGAN, Homer L., Col., June 21, 1975, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.  
 MRACHEK, Harry J., Col., June 21, 1975, Denver, Colo., April 1961.  
 MYER, William C., Col., June 17, 1975, Converse, La., June 1, 1971.  
 NEWBY, Herron Louis, CWO3, June 9, 1975, Converse, La.

Met JOHN in 1954 - A1C (MASSACHUSETTS) 101ST FTR SQDN - HE HEADGO AN IG TEAM !! - NOT A SURPRISE !!! INTRODUCED HIM TO OUR CO. - JOHN ASKED HIM WHY ~~HE~~ WAS <sup>I</sup> STILL A 1ST <sup>LT.</sup> AFTER FLY'N TWO TOURS IN ETO ??? I WAS SQDN OPS OFFICER - ROPA ACT CAME IN SHORTLY AFTER THAT - MADE CAPT. (BUT I WAS A 1ST LT. 4000 HOURS THAN ANYONE I KNEW (10 YRS))

Feb. 8, 1983

Mr. Russell A. Strong  
2041 Hillsdale  
Kalamazoo, Michigan

Dear Mr. Strong:

Don Ross sent me a copy of "First Over Germany". It's interesting and exciting even if I hadn't known one of the participants.

My daughter would like a copy and I surely would appreciate receiving one if you'll let me know the amount.

Sincerely,

Gladys Chalfant  
Route 3, Box 590A  
Netumpka, Ala. 36093

1 February 1984

Mrs. Gladys Chalfant  
Rt. 3, Box 590A  
Wetumpka, AL 36092

Dear Mrs. Chalfant:

Changing from my 306th guise, I am working on another project dealing with 8th Air Force command and staff officers, a classification into which your late husband fell.

I have the information that I need on him, except that today I received in the mail data on the 457th Bomb Group, with the indication that he served in that group before coming to the 306th.

Can you find any data concerning this? If you still have his 201 (personal record) file, you may be able to find something in that. I am looking for the job he may have held in the 457th, and the inclusive dates that he held it, if you can possibly determine it.

Any information on this will be gratefully appreciated, as I want to have as accurate a record as possible.

A stamped, addressed envelope is included for your use, and I wish to extend my thanks and appreciation to you for any data you can send me.

Sincerely yours,

Russell A. Strong

CHALFANT, John S.

*Assignment 365TH 2/2/44*

C.O. 423rd 5/4/44

Led B wing to Lille 6/12/44

Led C wing to Noball 6/19/44

Led A wing to Hamburg 6/20/44

Led D wing to Jassy 7/17/44

Led B wing to Kothen 7/20/44

Led C wing to Anklam 8/4/44

Led A wing to Ulm 8/9/44

Led C wing to Merseburg 8/24/44 (aborted when smoke bomb went  
off in ship on rendezvous)

Lt. Col. 9/2/44

Led group to Ruhland 9/12/44 (lost 10 planes)

Led group to Nurnburg 10/3/44

Led group to Hannover 10/22/44

Led group to Harburg 11/4/44

Group Air Executive and Deputy C.O. 11/27/44

Led group to Colonge 1/6/45

Led group to Nurnburg 2/20/45