
OBITUARIES

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HOWARD C. GRANGER

Howard C. Granger, 76, of Widefield, Co. died August 7, 1999 at home. He was born April 11, 1923 at Matfield Green, Kansas; the son of Walter and Mary Granger.

Mr. Granger joined the ARMY AIR CORP. January 19, 1943 and was assigned as airplane armorer/gunner. His position was waist gunner in the B-17 Flying Fortress. He flew 32 missions over Germany and France. His unit was the 306th Bombardment Squadron, 306th Bombardment Group (H).

Mr. Granger was honorably discharged from the Army Air Corp. October 27, 1945, receiving numerous citations and decorations: The Distinguished Flying Cross, Oak Leaf Cluster worn with the Air Medal, and exceptional meritorious achievement while participating in separate bomber combat missions over enemy occupied Continental Europe.

Mr. Granger decided after WWII he wanted to go home and pursue his dream in farming. In 1952, Howard and his wife, Joyce, both decided they would have a better future for themselves and their children by re-enlisting into the Air Force. Mr. Granger trained in the areas of electronics and was always at the top of his classes.

SSGT Granger enjoyed electronics and did several tours overseas. 1953-1954 his tour was Newfoundland, in 1958 he was assigned to Korea for 13 months, 1961-1965 he was assigned to South Ruislip, London, England, 1969-1972 he was stationed at Frankfurt, Germany.

MSGT Granger received numerous awards and citations along with exceptional evaluations. His standards were always to be top of the class and the same high standards in his daily duties.

Awards received during his career were: National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal clasp (Bronze w/3 loops).

He married Joyce A. Steadman August 29, 1944, at Emporia, Kansas. She survives at their home.

He is also survived by two sons: Eldon and wife, Mimi; and Alan Granger; two daughters: Lana Ziervogel-Jukes and husband, Carl; and Carol Robinson; seven grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Tues., Aug. 10 at Dove-Witt Family Mortuary, 6630 S. Highway 85/87, Fountain.

Funeral services will be today, Wed., Aug. 11 at the Dove-Witt Fountain Valley Chapel. Graveside services with military honors will be at 1 p.m. at Fort ~~Logan~~ Area A. Services will be officiated by Pastor Bryan Myers.

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