





# 34th BOMB SQUAD MEMBER PROFILES

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## Breland, Rodney L

**Nickname** Rod                                      **Rank** Capt                                      **Crew Positio** RN

**Spouse** Billie                                      **Hometown** Bogalusa, LA

**Unit** 34th Bomb Sqd                              **Years At WPAFB: From** 1960                              **To** 1965

**Civilian Occupation** Computer Systems Project Manager

### Special Hobbies

**Favorite Memory** The crew members that I flew with. I had very good fellow navigators that did most of the work  
Phillip Raccaforte, Bill Pantle, Jim Heilman

### Worst Memory

**Children** 0                                      **Grandchildren**

### Special Comments

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## Brooke, Don G

**Nickname**                                      **Rank** Lt Col                                      **Crew Positio** P

**Spouse** Gayle                                      **Hometown** Lubbock, TX

**Unit** 34th Bomb Sqd                              **Years At WPAFB: From** 1960                              **To** 1965

**Civilian Occupation** Custom Grain Cutter/Commercial construction

### Special Hobbies

**Favorite Memory** It was a rather rewarding experience the night that the 34th Bomb Squadron safely performed the first night MITO in SAC history. I think my crew was in number four position on that MITO>

**Worst Memory** While flying with Colonel Fulcher (Wing CO) on a Chrome Dome mission, we got a patch from our command post that an alert aircraft had "encountered" a partial landing gear collapse. Needless to say, Colonel Fulcher was very nervous the remainder of the mission.

I was giving Bill McCullough a stand board ride on 22 Nov 1963 and we were over Lexington, KY when we got a message that President Kennedy had been assassinated

**Children** 3                                      **Grandchildren** 7

**Special Comments** During the five years I was at WPAFB, I worked with some outstanding B-52 troops and the 34th records/history prove our (the 34th) worth.



















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## Larson, Gail W

**Nickname** Lt/Col **Crew Position** P  
**Spouse** **Hometown** Lynd, MN  
**Unit** 34th Bomb Sqd **Years At WPAFB: From** 1960 **To** 1965  
**Civilian Occupation** Highway Construction  
**Special Hobbies** My kids and golf  
**Favorite Memory** Survival training  
**Worst Memory** Picking up the CO at Barksdale and flight home  
**Children** 3 **Grandchildren** 4 GG12  
**Special Comments**

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## Lavin, Paul M

**Nickname** **Rank** **Crew Position** P  
**Spouse** Beverly **Hometown** Lawrence, MA  
**Unit** 34th Bomb Sqd **Years At WPAFB: From** 1969 **To** 1973  
**Civilian Occupation** Real Estate  
**Special Hobbies** Sailing  
**Favorite Memory** Being in Dayton  
**Worst Memory** Alert/ARC Light  
**Children** 4 **Grandchildren** 4  
**Special Comments**

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## Long, James B

**Nickname** **Rank** Capt **Crew Position** P  
**Spouse** Brenda **Hometown** Geneva, IN  
**Unit** 34th Bomb Sqd **Years At WPAFB: From** 1960 **To** 1964  
**Civilian Occupation** Pilot (Captain), United Air Lines  
**Special Hobbies** Golf, Boating, Wood Working, Gardening  
**Favorite Memory** The great parties and the crewmembers I worked with  
**Worst Memory** The "Cuban Crisis"  
**Children** 5 **Grandchildren** 12  
**Special Comments**



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## Montgomery, Richard D

**Nickname** Dick                      **Rank** Capt                      **Crew Position** N  
**Spouse** Spouse Deceased              **Hometown** Red Bluff, CA  
**Unit** 34th Bomb Sqd              **Years At WPAFB: From** 1960              **To** 1963  
**Civilian Occupation** Teacher/Merchant  
**Special Hobbies** Golf, Fishing  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory** Alert Shack  
**Children** 3                      **Grandchildren** 5  
**Special Comments**

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## Pantle, William S

**Nickname** Bill                      **Rank** Major                      **Crew Position** N  
**Spouse** Judy                      **Hometown** Philadelphia, PA  
**Unit** 34th Bomb Sqd              **Years At WPAFB: From** 1961              **To** 1967  
**Civilian Occupation** DOD Liaison Office, Materials Research Institute Penn State University  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 1                      **Grandchildren**  
**Special Comments**

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## Pedroli, Attilio (Pete)

**Nickname** Pete                      **Rank** Maj                      **Crew Position** RN  
**Spouse** Georga                      **Hometown** Milford, MA  
**Unit** 34th Bomb Sqd              **Years At WPAFB: From** 1960              **To** 1965  
**Civilian Occupation** President & VP of small company  
**Special Hobbies**  
**Favorite Memory** Great friendships  
**Worst Memory** None  
**Children** 6                      **Grandchildren** 7 GG3  
**Special Comments**





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## Rew, Thomas F

**Nickname** Tom                                      **Rank** Lt. Col.                                      **Crew Positio** P

**Spouse** Carolyn                                      **Hometown** New York, NY

**Unit** 34th Bomb Sqd                                      **Years At WPAFB: From** 1960                                      **To** 1966

**Civilian Occupation** Retired

**Special Hobbies** Handball, Fishing and enjoying family

**Favorite Memory** Coming back as Wing Commander

**Worst Memory**

**Children** 4                                      **Grandchildren** 12

**Special Comments** Sorry I couldn't make the 2007 Reunion, but hope to make the next

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## Rostkowski, Al E

**Nickname** Al, Zanger                                      **Rank** Capt                                      **Crew Positio** N

**Spouse** Patsy (Deceased)                                      **Hometown** Baltimore, MD

**Unit** 34th Bomb Sqd                                      **Years At WPAFB: From** 1961                                      **To** 1964

**Civilian Occupation** Project Mgr, GE Medical Systems

**Special Hobbies** Staying current with cancer research

**Favorite Memory** My wedding day, May 5, 1962 at SPAFB Chapel #2.(Wood City) All my crew (R-64) and wives came although we had just landed from a 24 hr flight.

**Worst Memory** Cuban Missile Crisis

**Children** 1                                      **Grandchildren** 1

**Special Comments** Patsy died at home while I was holding her hand, on March 4, 2009. She was interred at Arlington National Cemetery on April 10. She loved the 34th Bomb Sq reunions and just started loving some of you guys in a special way. She asked me many times why so-and-so were not our close friends at WPAFB. I had no answer, but you are now. God bless you. Al

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## Shaffer, Jon G.

**Nickname**                                      **Rank** Capt                                      **Crew Positio** P

**Spouse** Nancy                                      **Hometown** Lebanon, OH

**Unit** 34th Bomb Sqd                                      **Years At WPAFB: From** 1962                                      **To** 1967

**Civilian Occupation** Pilot, United Air Lines

**Special Hobbies** Inventing, Writing, Boating

**Favorite Memory** Cartridge start-ignition CB's out-Pushed in as engines wound down-solid flame over fence

**Worst Memory** Aborted take off

**Children** 4                                      **Grandchildren** 0

**Special Comments**



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## Stogdill, Robert E.

**Nickname** Bob                                 **Rank** Capt                                 **Crew Positio** EW  
**Spouse** Vaughnette                                 **Hometown** Columbus, OH  
**Unit** 34th Bomb Sqd                                 **Years At WPAFB: From** 1961                                 **To** 1965  
**Civilian Occupation** Electrical Engineer  
**Special Hobbies** Hunting, Shooting, Woodworking  
**Favorite Memory**  
**Worst Memory**  
**Children** 1                                 **Grandchildren** 2  
**Special Comments**

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## Stuckey, Norman D

**Nickname** Norm                                 **Rank** L/Col                                 **Crew Positio** P  
**Spouse** Fran                                 **Hometown** Centerville, IA  
**Unit** 34th Bomb Sqd                                 **Years At WPAFB: From** 1960                                 **To** 1964  
**Civilian Occupation** Owned a Advertising Business  
**Special Hobbies** Collecting Horse drawn carriages, collecting antique Tractors, Raising & Showing Clydesdale horses.  
**Favorite Memory** The fun people to be around  
**Worst Memory** Getting up at 3AM to fly  
**Children** 3                                 **Grandchildren** 7  
**Special Comments**

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## Sweet, Leonard M.

**Nickname** Marty                                 **Rank** Major                                 **Crew Positio** RN  
**Spouse** Carolyn                                 **Hometown** Bloomington, IN  
**Unit** 34th Bomb Sqd                                 **Years At WPAFB: From** 1964                                 **To** 1969  
**Civilian Occupation** Trust Officer, Legal Assistant  
**Special Hobbies** Grandchildren's activities, Photography, Computers, Reading  
**Favorite Memory** Taking off on a ORI without a working radar; fixing the radar in flight; and scoring a shack on the bomb run.  
**Worst Memory** Flying a standboard check with George Bell, RN and Ron Bean, IRN, puffing on their cigars during the bomb run. By bombs away, I could not see George or Ron!  
**Children** 4                                 **Grandchildren** 6  
**Special Comments**



