

Hello 307th BG Veterans and Families



Are you ready for Santa Fe? We are!

Well, folks, there are two words that will surely describe this trip. "Comfort" and "Different"!
Our reunion host, Beth Kendall, knew from experience that they don't call Santa Fe "The City Different" just to advertise. You'll see!

And take a look at the Drury Plaza Hotel lobby! There is comfort, relaxation and local charm at every turn in this brand new addition to the Drury chain of deluxe hotels. Beth and Don Calarco toured this hotel when it was still under construction. "This lobby was just a huge hole in the middle of tons of raw concrete, wiring and construction workers, and we had to use our imagination. This far exceeds our expectations. The group is going to love this trip" says Beth..... and we believe she's right!

A lot has gone in to making this year's reunion and member meeting special. Be sure to look over this entire package as there are a few items that may require your attention.

Santa Fe, here we come!

A special thanks to Camilla Mandler of the Santa Fe Convention & Visitors Bureau for all her help.



The Santa Fe Itinerary!

A personalized Itinerary will be in your Welcome Package, but here is a birds-eye view of the flight plan.

Arrival day: Wednesday, September 17th, 2014

Visit the Reunion Registration Desk on Main Floor adjacent to our Hospitality Room to receive your welcome package. Day at leisure. Enjoy the "City Different".

Day 2: Thursday, September 18th, 2014

Complimentary Breakfast

Hospitality Room opened daily at 8:00am Complimentary snacks, coffee and lite beverages provided.

Transportation to the Bataan Memorial departs at 10:30am. Box Lunch & Beverage Group Returns 2:30pm

Thursday afternoon – at leisure

Main Floor Hospitality Room Open until

8PM

Scheduled Displays (see signage)
Private Hospitality Suite open/unlimited

Day 3: Friday, September 19th, 2014

Complimentary Breakfast
Transportation to the Bradbury Museum
departs at 9:30am
Box Lunch & Beverage
Group Returns 2:30pm

Friday afternoon and evening

Enjoy the City Different and choose from dozens of excellent local restaurants.

Visit historic sights just outside your door. Walk along the native Indian market at the Palace of the Governors

Or take in the roof-top pool and see the city from the tallest building in town.

Day 4: Saturday, September 19th, 2014 A day at leisure to enjoy the hotel - city and side tours

2:00pm to 4:00pm Members' Only Meeting in the ground floor Hospitality Room. Elections
2015 Destination Suggestions

Saturday Evening

More!!

6:00pm - Reunion Reception / Banquet in the Rivera Room (2nd Floor) - Cash Bar 7:00pm - Dinner is served 7:45pm - The Long Rangers' Show 8:30pm - Live 307th Video Chat demo

Day 5: Farewell / Departures

IMPORTANT DETAILS ABOUT THIS YEAR'S MEMBER MEETING

Be sure to attend the Member Meeting at 2:00pm on Saturday in the main floor Hospitality Room.

This year is an election year and your vote is very important.

The Board of Directors is comprised of the elected officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer) immediate past president, chairpersons of all standing committees and all assistants to the functional heads.

The officers of the 307th BG Association each serve a two-year term. The Parliamentarian and the Historian are Chairmen of their respective committees, appointed by the President, subject to Board approval.

This year, two dedicated and responsible members of the 307th have been nominated for President: Michael Cotter and John Poggi.

We are seeking nominations and suggestions for nominations for the following Board positions:

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IMPORTANT DETAILS ABOUT THIS YEAR'S MEMBER MEETING (continued)

A nomination for Vice-President is expected. The nominee will run against Christine Hoover, who will run for a second two-year term.

Jim Walsh, currently serving as interim Secretary / Treasurer, will also be nominated for a second term.

We are also seeking nominations for two very important committee chair positions and we are in dire need of a leader for these positions. Elected nominees will also serve on the Board of Directors and will become part of the executive team. Please consider submitting nominations:

Publicity Chairperson: This committee chair will be responsible for directing all outbound communications, such as emails, newsletters, announcements, press releases, and web-master management of the 307th website. This is a great spot for a younger family member with computer savvy experience with FTP, Skype, HTML editing, Publisher, Email, Excel and Microsoft Word. But don't worry, Don Calarco will provide full training, orientation, templates and ongoing guidance and assistance.

Asset Inventory Chairperson: This committee will be responsible for managing the PX inventory, processing PX orders and new product recommendations. We currently average only three orders per month. Computer access and minimal floor space is required. Don Calarco will provide full training, orientation and assistance. Responsible 2nd or 3rd generation family member is required. Please consider managing this committee.

Please send your nominations and suggestions ASAP to the Nominating Committee at orders307@americanmktg.com



Three New Segments for the Long Rangers Show Hosted by our Historian Jim McCabe

1. The Navajo Code Talkers, who outsmarted the Japanese by replacing the Army's standard code system with a rare Navajo based coded language were homegrown in NewMexico. Unfortunately, the last living member of this incredible group of WWII heroes passed away earlier this year. However, Beth Kendall is searching hard to find a 2nd generation family member of one the famed legends of the war.

We're hoping she gets lucky! And if so, they will be one of Jim McCabe's guests during the banquet and we are hoping to hear a few interesting stories from one of the great story tellers of the Navajo nation.

2. For those of us who have not had a chance to see the entire application, Don Calarco will take us all on a guided tour of the 307th PX. We'll browse our collection of 307th Bombardment Group memorabilia like books, hats, jackets, pins, patches, bumper stickers and more. This is also where you will apply or renew your member ship. Including the new Couples and Family membership.



3. Finally, Jack Palmer will host a hands on demonstration of the 307th Video Chat Room, provided by Skype. If you know of anyone who may miss this years reunion...AND....if they have a computer with a camera and headphones/microphone, here's a chance to bring the reunion to them, if only for a short visit. We only have room for 8 guests. Make it a family affair, but let us know who's in ASAP, so we can send instructions to join the chat. It will all happen approximately 10:30pm EST / 9:30pm CST / 8:30pm MST / 7:30pm PST Contact Don Calarco at dccalarco@gmail.com ASAP if you are interested in joining the fun! Also, you are encouraged to bring photos, and other memorabilia to be displayed and shared in the Hospitality Room. Please do!

Now for something very special for up to 8 members (or families) who may not be able to make it to the Santa Fe reunion.

For a brief period during the Saturday evening dinner, (September 20, 2014) at approximately 8:30pm (MST) Jack Palmer and Don Calarco will be demonstrating the ease and use of the 307th Skype ChatRoom LIVE!

We'd all love to have you check in and say hi to everyone. So please plan on it. Just have someone assist you with the Skype installation and send an email to dccalarco@gmail.com and we'll send you the simple steps to join the call.

We are looking forward to making this new feature a BIG HIT, allowing Veterans, members, family and friends an opportunity to stay connected.

Please Join us!



EMBRACE TECHNOLOGY

Join the FREE 307th Video Chat Room
It's easy to get started. It's Free and it's Fun!



You'll need a Computer, Laptop or Tablet

+ Headphones and Camera

Here's complete Instruction for setting-up

Here's a tip: Have a grandson or granddaughter help with the set-up!

This entire process will take less than 10 minutes to complete.

- 1. Go to http://www.skype.com/en/download-skype/skype-for-computer/
- 2. If you are using a Windows desktop or laptop computer, click on the Green [Get Skype for Windows desktop] button.

If you are using a different device, click on your selection here.

The screen will change to select the most appropriate device.

Click on the [Learn about Skype] text under your device type.

3. Click on the download button. (this example shows Android)



Skype for Windows desktop

Download or update now – includes our best features, best performance and best security.

Get Skype for Windows desktop 👃

Here's some great things you can do with Skype:

- See friends and family come together over a free group video call.
- Enjoy quality time with one to one video calls.
- Keep chatting after your call with free instant messages.
- Make low cost calls to mobiles and landlines and send text messages.
- Send a message you can see, hear and feel with video messaging.

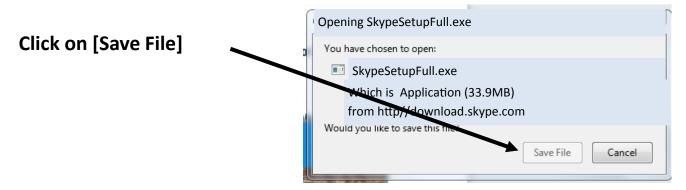


4. Follow the instructions for set-up.

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SKYPE Set-Up Continued

5. A new window will open. Look for this box:



- 6. Depending on how and where your downloaded files are stored, look for [SkypeSetupFull.exe] or [SkypeSetup.exe] and double click on it to start the setup application.
- 7. A security window might open asking:
- "Do you want to allow the following program to make changes to this computer". Click YES
- 8. The Skype application will automatically install on your computer or device.
- 9. The log-in screen will open for the first time. If it doesn't open, go to your desktop and click on the Skype Icon:



- 10: At the Log-in Screen, click on [Create an account]
- 11. When you create your [Skype Name] be sure to add ".307bg" after your name.

 Example for Luke Warner or

Murray Cotter, make your name:

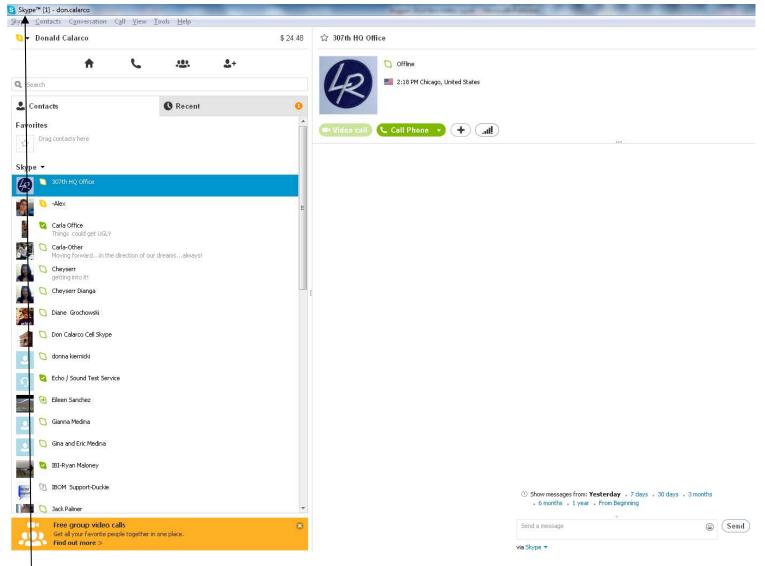
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murraycotter.307bg (don't forget the (.)



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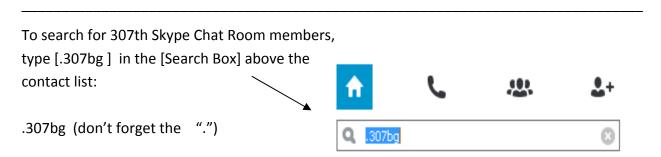
Using SKYPE



When your Skype application opens, the left side will be bare, until you start adding "contacts"

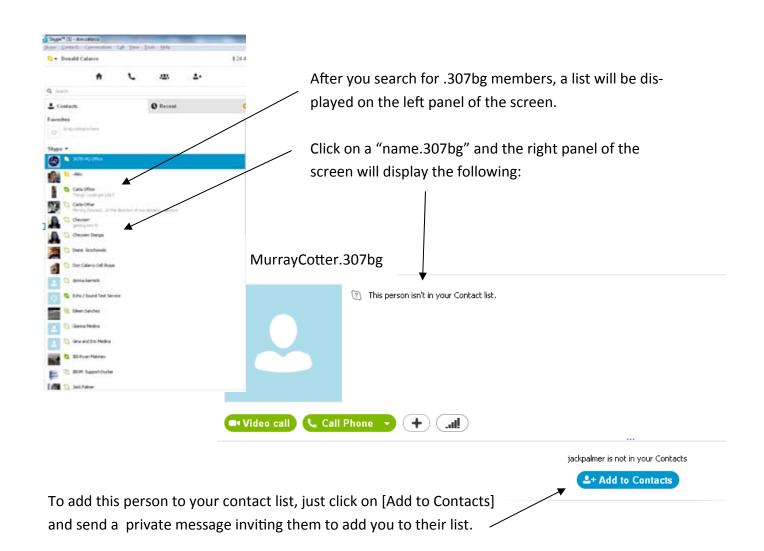
You can customize your Profile by adding a photo of yourself

Click on [Skype] then [Profile] then [Change your picture] It will even let you take a snapshot, on the spot.



A list of available 307th Chat room members will be displayed

Adding Contacts to SKYPE



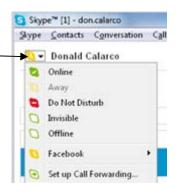
NOTE: At the top left of the screen is where you post your "status"

Pretty easy to follow. Just check your status to alert others that you are either Online, Away, Do Not Disturb, Invisible, Offline, etc.

You are now ready to start using Skype
Here is a link to a full tutorial that will help
you navigate the application.

A little homework goes a long way!

http://www.gcflearnfree.org/skype



See you soon!



We, the wives, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nephews, nieces and loved ones of the men of the

13th Air Force and

307th Bombardment Group HV

pay special tribute and honor to our beloved heroes for their valiant service to their country during the Pacific Theater of World War II

We shall be forever thankful for and faithful to the tradition and example we have inherited from these great Americans.

Since their courageous entry into a war, the likes of which we can only imagine, they have given us four generations to expand their family honor and heritage in the hopes that we may leave a better world for the next generation.

May their memory live on for Always and Forever







371st Bomb Squadron





372nd Bomb Squadron

424th Bomb Squadron





William "Bill" Henderson

Tuesday, February 4, 2014.

Bill, born on August 23, 1916 in Merrysville, Louisiana, was the eldest son of the late William and Flossie Henderson. The family relocated to Placerville, California when Bill was 8 years old. He graduated from high school in Placerville in 1932 and received a BA in Journalism from UC Berkley in 1939. He worked in advertising in San Francisco until joining the Army in 1941. Bill married the late Elizabeth (Betty) Ely of Riverside, CA in 1945. Bill and Betty lived in cities throughout the US and in Japan, Spain, and Iran before settling in Dana Point. After Betty's death in 1995, he married Jillian (Jilli) Eyres of Fremantle, Australia in 1998. Bill and Jilli have continued to live in Dana Point.

After entering the Army, Bill was assigned to the Signal Corps and was selected for officer training. He transferred to the Army Air Corps in 1943 and was trained as a pilot. During World War II, he flew long range B24 bomber missions with the 371st Bomb Squadron, 307th Bombardment Group out of jungle airfields in New Guinea, Numfoor, and Morotai, hitting targets in New Guinea, Indonesia, and the Philippines. He separated from the Army after returning to the US in 1945. Bill rejoined the Air Corps in 1946 and had a 27 year career as an Air Force officer. He flew air transport missions during the Korean War; served in Washington, California, Kansas, Texas, Colorado, Alabama, Louisiana, Japan, Spain, and Iran; and received 24 decorations, medals, badges, commendations, citations, and campaign ribbons during his career. He retired from the Air Force in 1969. After leaving the Air Force, he worked for the Pomona School District. After retirement from the school district, Bill traveled extensively, served on the Niguel Shores board of directors, and volunteered with Meals on Wheels.

In addition to his wife, Jilli, Bill is survived by three children: Tom (Janis) Henderson of Boston; Paul Henderson of Laguna Niguel; and Ann (Jon) Stamets of Escondido. He is also survived by his brother Jim (Agnes) Henderson of Novato, his sister Flossie Meisel of Burlingame, and four grandsons.

He will be missed, and surely remembered.





Servando "Ike" Ayala

Oct. 7, 2013 - 88 years of age

Ike was born in Michoacan, Mexico, the son of Maria and Arnulfo Ayala.

He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. Flying with the 371st BS as a turret, tail and door gunner, 307th Bombardment Group.

His moved to the United States at age 2 and was raised in Fresno.

He worked as an engineering assistant at General Telephone of Southern California for 30 years before retiring in 1983.

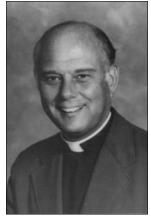
He lived in Etiwanda in Southern California for a number of years. There he led 4-H, was a school board member, supported youth groups and was Little League president.

Mr. Ayala was a member of the American Legion for 60 years.

He settled in Foothill Village in 2008.

Mr. Ayala was preceded in death by former wife, Nancy Ayala.

He is survived by his children, Phillip Ayala, of Spokane, Wash., Dolores Ayala-Baker of Copperopolis, John Ayala, of Fresno, Dan Ayala, of Vallecito, Theresa Ayala-Garrison, of Clayton, and Thomas Ayala, of Lebanon, Ore.; grandchildren, Eric Ayala, Melissa Ayala, Aaron Baker, Vanessa Baker-Souter, Christina Ayala, Carrie Ayala, Nicole Ayala, Isabella Ayala and Gabriel Ayala; and three great-grandchildren.





The Very Reverend William Manning Hale

July 12, 1925 - April 4, 2014.

William Manning Hale was born in New York City on July 12, 1925, son of The Reverend Whitney and Sara Elizabeth (Manning) Hale.

He attended The Park School, Buffalo NY and Rivers Country Day School, Brookline MA, graduating from South Kent School '43, South Kent CT; and Brown University '49, where he helped to reestablish Brown Crew.

Enlisting in the Army Air Corps Cadet Training School in July 1943, he received his wings and commission as an officer in September 1944. At the age of 18 he flew 37 missions (17 as lead bombardier) in the Southwest Pacific in B-24 Liberators, becoming a 1st Lieutenant at age 19. He was a member of the 13th Air Force, 372nd Bombardment Squadron, 307th Bombardment Group on the Island of Morotai.

After the war he taught English and Latin for two years at The Park School in Brookline MA before entering The General Theological Seminary in New York City. He was ordained Deacon in June 1954 and Priest in December of the same year.

In 1955 he married Helen Houston Frost at All Saints Church, Worcester MA. A curate for two years at Christ Church Cathedral, Springfield MA he was Rector of The Church of the Atonement, Westfield MA before becoming Dean and Rector of St. Paul's Cathedral, Syracuse NY. He was elected a Deputy to The General Convention of the Episcopal Church on seven occasions, and Deputy to Provincial Synod.

He was a Companion of the Order of the Cross of Nails, Coventry Cathedral. In the Dioceses of Western Massachusetts and Central New York he served on multiple international, national and local boards and committees.

His passions included sailing and cruising with family and friends along the coast of Maine and spending time with his children and grandchildren. Bill was a big fan of coffee ice cream, crab cakes and classical music. His big smile, warmth and kindness made all who crossed his path feel welcome and loved.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Helen Frost Hale of Marlborough NH; his sons William M. Hale Jr. (Susan Keefe) of Freeport ME and Stephen F. Hale (Sara Choler) of St. Louis MO; his daughters Helen H. Mead (Ted) of Marlborough NH and Rebecca H. Malone (Paul) of Chelmsford MA; grandchildren Sarah F. Mead, Alden H. Mead, Paul G. Malone III and Samuel M. Malone. He was predeceased by his brother, The Rev. Samuel Whitney Hale, Jr., and sister Margaret Hale Kunhardt.





January 29, 2014

Harry was born Aug. 12, 1919, at home in the Shipton community, rural Saline County. He was the oldest son of Keith and Beulah (Smith) Hughes.

Harry served our country as a Ground Crewman in the 372nd Bomb Squadron, 307th Bombardment Group. Harry graduated from Kansas State University in 1949. He retired at age 83 from UMB in 2004. He was a member of the VFW, KSU Alumni Association and Flywheels Museum. He had been involved with the Saline County Historical Society in the past.

Harry was known as a local historian. He has written and published several books and articles. Harry was also known for his quick wit and was the best storyteller. His grand-children loved his stories.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Leila; a daughter, Kathleen; and two sisters, Marie McDaniel and Ida Mae Gustafson.

Harry is survived by his daughter, Kerry (Derrill) Swearingen, of Rye, Colo.; grandchildren, Shane (Kalan) Ewing, of Beulah, Colo., Deb (Ron) Hustus, of Gypsum, Ray (Rachelle) Swearingen, of Bennington, Brian (Emily) Swearingen, of Manhattan; great-grandchildren, Samantha Swearingen, Jessica Hustus, Grant Swearingen, Cayden Swearingen, Carter Swearingen and Baby Ewing due in March; two sisters, Beulah (Cham) Smith, of Salina, and Virginia Reeves, of Salina; and one brother, Donald (Mae) Hughes, of Salina.





Major General Ret. John Elbert Lacy

February 10, 2014

John Elbert Lacy, Major General Ret., born August 9, 1923 in Adrian, MO, He married Catherine (Kitty) May Coleman in 1947. To this marriage was born three children: Priscilla (Ron) Phillips of Republic, MO; John(Linda)

Lacy of Excelsior Springs, MO; and Rebecca (Michael) Geimer of Chesapeake, VA. At the time of his passing, their family included 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. He and Kitty enjoyed 66 years of marriage before her passing December 7, 2013.

His civilian and military careers were marked by his never-ceasing drive, discipline, and leadership abilities. After graduation from Rich Hill High School in 1941, John enrolled at Central Missouri State University.

General Lacy's military career began at enlistment in the Army Air Corps. on November 16, 1942. He received his commission as a second lieutenant April 1944 after completing flight training at Moore Air Base, TX. Following B-24 transition training at Walla Walla Air Force Base, WA, he reported to the 13th Air Force, 371st Bomb Squadron, 307th Bombardment Group, in Southeast Asia.

Upon his return, John attended the University of Missouri-Columbia, graduating in 1948 with a Bachelor's degree in business and public administration. He continued coursework through evening classes at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, receiving his Juris Doctorate degree in 1953.

It was during his time at MIZZOU that John met the beautiful "Miss Kitty" Coleman of Rocheport, MO, in a Columbia dance hall. John and Kitty remained lifelong MIZZOU supporters and dance partners. Throughout John's civilian and military careers, Kitty proved to be the perfect partner - caring for him, their children and their homes in Kansas City MO, Overland Park and Mission KS, Grain Valley MO, Eden Prairie MN, Cedar Rapids IA, and Springfield MO. She was a warm and welcoming hostess at family gatherings, lake vacations, company parties, and military events. Friends and family knew that time spent with John and Kitty - whether at a basement "beatnik" party, at the duck hunting lodge, playing a round of golf, or at the officer mess - would be Fun! Due to John's various military leadership positions, they enjoyed travel throughout the world - dining and dancing with military and political dignitaries of all nations.

John and Kitty were members of and served Calvary Baptist Church, Republic, MO. His community service included positions on the Grain Valley, MO, School Board and the Springfield, MO, Airport Board. His memberships included the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, 307th Bombardment Group Association - "The Long Rangers," Elks Lodge, the Republican Party, Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Abou Ben Adhem Temple, Solomon #271, A.F. and A.M., Kiwanis Club, the Kansas City Athletic Club, and the MU Alumni Association.





Louis Zamperini July 2, 2014

307th BG from 1942 – May 1943

Louis Silvie Zamperini was born Jan. 26, 1917, in Olean, N.Y., the second of four children of Louise and Anthony Zamperini. His father, who was born in Italy and came to the United States as a teenager, started working in a coal mine, then in construction.

What has not been said or written about Louis Zamperin? This legendary ruffian, turned athlete, turned WWII POW was a member of the 372nd BS, 307th Bombardment Group HV from 1942 to May 1943 He was a Bombardier, with Pilot Russell A. Phillips

During an emotional struggle in 1949 Louis was persuaded by his wife to attend an evangelical event to see Billy Graham preach.

Zamperini stormed out of the tent meeting but reluctantly agreed to return another night. This time Graham's message "caused me to turn my life around," Zamperini wrote in his book, "Devil at My Heels."

"I dropped to my knees and for the first time in my life truly humbled myself before the Lord," he wrote. "I made no excuses. I did not rationalize, I did not blame."

His historic story will be told in a movie, directed by Angelina Jolie, to be released on Christmas Day 2014

Zamperini's wife died in 2001. His survivors include daughter Cynthia, son Luke and a grandchild.





Glen Dean Gatenby
November 6, 2013

Mr. Gatenby was born October 19, 1924, in Orchard, Nebraska, the fourth of five sons to Floyd E. and Mary Louise Gatenby. He graduated from Gallatin High School in 1942 and attended Graceland University in Lamoni, Iowa.

Sgt. Gatenby served in the 13th Air Force, 372nd Bomb Squadron, 307th Bombardment Group from 1943-1945. He was an aerial gunner on B24 aircrafts flying over New Guinea and Borneo in the South Pacific. Glen was also a member of the Caterpillar Club whose life was spared on June 22, 1945, because of an emergency parachute jump from an aircraft.

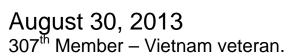
He married Majiel Elaine Briner on September 10, 1945, in Olathe, KS in which three daughters were born. In Missouri, he worked for Sears Department Store. In Minnesota and Iowa, they owned and operated successful small businesses. They retired to Ozark, Missouri, in 1999 and relocated to Rapid City, South Dakota, in 2004. Glen enjoyed fishing, Air Force annual reunions, spending time with family, and traveling with Majiel in their motor home. They traveled to all 48 lower United States and Canada in their motor home.

Glen will be dearly missed by his three daughters, Sue (Howard) Sakima, Elk Grove, California, Pat (Steve) Winter, Custer, South Dakota, Gloria (Jim) Gibbens, Des Moines, Iowa; seven grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Majiel in 2007, and four brothers.







Mr. Rogers, having lived life to praise and glorify God in all he had done, passed peacefully on to the Lord early Friday, August 30, 2013. Stan was preceded in death by his father, Bunny Rogers; his mother, Betty Rae Thompson-Rogers-Duty; stepfather, Richard Duty; and brother, David Duty. He is survived by his wife, Vicki (Mechanicsville); his two daughters, Sarah Rogers (Mechanicsville) and Claire Snelson (Chester Gap, Va.); his son-in-law, Joseph Snelson; and his grandson and best bud, Jameson Snelson. Stan is also survived by seven brothers and sisters, Steve Rogers and wife, Patty, (Stillwater, Okla.), Susan Rogers (Ada, Okla.), Sam Rogers (Santa Fe, N.M.), Scott Rogers and wife, Nicole, (Albuquerque, N.M.), Teresa Duty (Santa Fe, N.M.), Clint Duty and wife, Beth, (Tulsa, Okla.), Holly Easterling (Ada, Okla.) and Kathleen (Mrs. David) Duty (Ada, Okla.); as well as 20 nieces and nephews.

Stanley was a family member and his father, Bunny Rogers, was veteran member of the 307th Bombardment Group Association, and family meant everything to Stan. He leaves behind a very large extended family, each one of whom he loved dearly. Stan was born in Ada, Okla., July 14, 1946, to Bunny and Betty Rae Rogers. He graduated Salutatorian of his class at Stonewall High School (Stonewall, Okla.) in 1964, and attended classes at East Central State College before enlisting in the United States Marine Corps in 1966. He served five years, including having served in Vietnam in 1969, and left USMC as an Infantry Officer.

Stan never knew a stranger, merely a friend he had yet to become more acquainted with. He is greatly missed and will be forever loved by all.



Last Minute Details on Shuttle Service

The Sandia Shuttle Express is our prime choice and reasonably priced Shuttle Service between Albuquerque and Santa Fe.

Shuttles will pick up at the Airport and take you direct to the Hotel. On return, they pick up at the Hotel and take you to your airline.

Below is their standard schedule for daily service.

FARES \$28 per person One Way \$48 per person Round Trip

On-line reservations must be made 24 hours prior to shuttle trip. Telephone reservations can be made up to one hours before shuttle trip.

Reach their online reservation site at: http://www.sandiashuttle.com/newreservations.html

Or call toll free 888-775696

To be safe, make your reservation two to three days before your arrival.

