Cyril L. Kline

Cyril L. Kline, 71, 764 Sq. and association member of Charleroi, PA died Feb. 8, 1992, following a lingering illness.

He was born in Charleroi on August 12, 1920, a son of the late George and Anna Mackanos Kline. He served as a 1Lt/Lt. in the Army Air Corps Crew #7 during World War II, where he served with the 764th Bomb Squadron.

He received the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with five Battle and Presidential citations. He flew missions to Ploesti, Munich, Linz, Vienna, Athens, and Sarajevo.

Mr. Kline retired with 50 years of service as a foreman with the Corning Glass Works, Charleroi.

He is survived by his wife, with whom he celebrated 48 years of marriage, Veronica Talpas Kline; one son, Dennis Kline, two daughters, Donna McCloskey and Doris Koecheler; six grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Steve (Frances) Marchezak, and Mrs. Fred (Marge) Owsianny.

Carmelita “Carm” McKew

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“Carm” McKew

Carmelita McKew, Andover, Massachusetts, an Internal Revenue Service retiree, died July 16, 1993.

Born in Lawrence, MA she attended St. Patrick Grammar School and graduated from Lawrence High.

Members of her family include her husband of 51 years, Charles A. McKew of Andover; sons, Charles A. Jr., Howard J., a daughter, Mrs. R. Bruce, a sister, Mary Riley, and seven grandchildren.

Charles and Carmelita were married on November 15, 1941. They enjoyed over 51 years together and were “Best Friends”.

They began raising a family in 1944. She enjoyed travelling and most of all being with her family. A highlight of each year — for children and grandchildren was the annual New Year’s Eve Party hosted by Charles and Carm at their home. A tradition began with pool parties held at the McKew house. They became important events, and have been continued by the children at their homes. Their extended family included relatives, friends, and friends of friends. It was a good life.

Carmelita McKew, was an active member of the 484th Bomb Group Association along with husband Charles. They made up the membership search committee and between the two of them brought many new people into the Association.

Even after she was diagnosed with cancer and was recovering from an exploratory operation, she insisted on continuing the work. This was not easy for her as it entailed travelling to libraries to extract information from the stacks of heavy phone books. The work was made easier later when phone listings became available on CD-ROM disks.

Donna Nagelhout

Donna Nagelhout 55, wife of Arnold P. Nagelhout, 825 squadron, died of lung cancer (April 2, 1992)

For most of her 35-year nursing career, either preventing death or facing it was a part of her work day. She was a registered nurse. Mrs. Nagelhout, 55, talked calmly, almost matter-of-factly, prior to her death.

“I’m lucky,” she said, referring to her family’s coping with her illness. One of her daughters is a nurse practitioner, her “baby sister,” Susan Bubbs of Allegany, is director of patient services for the Cattaraugus County Health Department.

“Donna was always very direct, straight forward, no facades, no pretenses,” she said. Anyone meeting her for the first time knew that. Mrs. Nagelhout didn’t mince words when it came to discussing her bout with cancer.

“I was expecting two grandchildren in February of 1991. I decided to quit while my daughters were pregnant because I had read about secondary smoke and I didn’t want to have the kids affected by my smoking,” Donna had said. She was a heavy smoker — two packs of cigarettes a day for 35 years.

When she knew her death was impending Donna set out to get her house in order. She had time to prepare her family, emotionally and financially. Together, with husband, Arnold, she set up a family trust, arranged powers of attorney and tied up all financial and legal ends to make things easier for their heirs. Her own funeral was already arranged and paid for before she died.

She is survived by husband Arnold, four grandchildren, ages 2 months to 4 years, and four children: Twins Joann and James, 31; Christine, 32, and David, 29.