Clark W Ecton, 825 Sq

Clark Warren Ecton was born June 23, 1917 in Bucyrus, KS to father Herman Ecton and mother Ruby Winkler Ecton. Clark attended a two room schoolhouse in Bucyrus taught by farmers’ wives. He finished grade school, and Paseo High School in Kansas City, MO. Clark was an enterprising young lad delivering by bicycle for Crown Drugstore. He then took a Saturday job at Walter’s grocery, and hired his bother Allen to throw papers for the Kansas City Post. September 16, 1942, Clark enlisted in the US Army. He wanted to be a pilot but was too short to qualify. Instead he put in for OCS at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD and received his 2/Lt’s bars. After a stint at Davis Monthan AFB, he was transferred to Harvard, NE where he joined the 484th Bomb Group as an ordnance, budget, and fiscal officer. He went by troopship with the group to Brindisi, Italy and then on to Torretta. He died May 10, 1998 at age 81. He is survived by his wife, Doris and son, Dale.

Kenneth J. Querry, 825 Sq.


Born April 2, 1922, in Tonkawa, Oklahoma He attended Tonkawa High School, Northern Oklahoma College and Central State University where he received his degree in Business Administration. He was employed as an Administrative Supervisor in the Production Department for Continental Oil Company in Kansas and Oklahoma. Ken later was promoted to Administrator of the Aviation Department in Houston, Texas. He was elected to the National Passenger Travelers Association Board for several years. He then transferred to Dubai Petroleum Company, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from where he retired.

Kenneth is survived by his wife, Gwen, of 51 years, and three daughters, Marilyn, Karen, Kim, and their families. One of the things etched on his headstone is a D-24 plane and “Pot Luck” etched below.

Glen L. Sandberg, 825 Sq.

Glen L. Sandberg, age 75, passed away on May 19, 1999, in Tarzana, California. Mr. Sandberg was an elementary school principal with the Los Angeles Unified School District for 30 years. He is survived by his children, Claudia Sandberg-Larsen of Sacramento, Sandra Hill of Boulder, Colorado, Laura Sandberg of San Diego, and Robert Sandberg of Grand Fork, North Dakota. He is also survived by 6 grandchildren.

Mr. Sandberg was a member of the 15th Air Force Association at March AFB-Riverside. He also was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Canoga Park. He received his Masters Degree in Education Administration from the University of Southern California. He was the B/G on John M Billing’s crew.

David Sheddon, 825 Sq.

Friends of Miriam and David Sheddon will be saddened to learn that Dave, 73, died of cancer Nov. 24, 1996. Dave was born in Cleveland, Ohio, but spent most of his adolescent years in Atlanta, Georgia, where he attended Georgia Tech and became, according to a friend, “the epitome of the southern gentleman.”

While in college he was drafted into service for World War II. Receiving flight training, he went overseas as a 1/Lt in the 484th (B-24 Liberator) Bomb Group where as several who knew him said, he was an “excellent pilot” and survived an emergency crash landing in the Yugoslavia area.

Returning home, Dave enrolled at the University of Michigan, majoring in Chemical Engineering and earned a Masters in Business Administration. It was in the University’s hospital that he met and married Miriam, a nurse on the hospital staff.

David subsequently worked for the Union Carbide Company for 35 years, first as a tech sales representative, later as West Coast Sales Manager for graphite yarn and cloth. The Sheddons have made their home in Fullerton since 1957.

Dave had an easy way with children and friends, liking to give them nicknames that seemed to fit, and he always had a humorous story to tell the children. His volunteer activities. Included 10 years on the board of the Las Lomas Verdes Swim Club, driving for the FISH program, and participating in the California State Fullerton Continuous Learning program.

He is survived by Miriam in Fullerton, a daughter, Alice, in Sacramento and son, Mark who resides in Encinitas, CA.

On his last mission of the war on December 20, 1944, his plane nose no 33 S/N 44-41135 was so badly shot up he made a crash landing on the Isle of Vis. There were injuries to some of the crew members, and one was killed. The crew flying that day were: 2/Lt Dave W Sheddon-P, 1/Lt C W Kerr-C/P, 2/Lt K P Kincade-N, 2/Lt D H Dobie-B, T/Sgt R C Graves-E, T/Sgt D G Fore-R/O, S/Sgt E W Wright-NG, S/Sgt R E Hansen-T/G, S/Sgt S Gross-B/G, S/Sgt C A Parr-U/G, Pvt W C Goodlett-f.

Charles Wayshak, 824 Sq.

Charles Wayshak 82 of Watertown, formerly of Boston, an Army Air Forces veteran and retired engineer and technical assistant for Boston radio and television stations, died Thursday at Newton Rehabilitation Center. He was 82.

Born in Boston, Mr. Wayshak attended local schools. He had worked as a motion picture projectionist for E.M. Loew’s theaters in Boston. Mr. Wayshak joined the Army Air Forces at the beginning of World War II. He became an aerial photographer in the 15th Air Force B-24 Liberator Squadron.

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