



James Russell Gibbs

December 22, 1923 - September 27, 2007

James R. Gibbs
USAF Lt. Col. Ret.

James R. Gibbs passed away at the age of 83 on September 27, 2007. Born in Kansas City, Mo. December 22, 1923, the son of Frank and Elizabeth Plymale was raised in Millard, Nebraska outside of Omaha. He graduated from Millard High School before attending Peru State College. He interrupted his studies in 1943 to join the Army Aviation Cadet Program as a second lieutenant. He was able to finish college later earning a BS degree in Electronics from the University of Maryland.

Jim was a B24 pilot during WWII stationed in the South Pacific. Along with several commendations, various theater and campaign ribbons and a Good Conduct Medal, he received the Distinguished Flying Cross, Silver Star and Air Medal w/clusters. He later served in the Counterintelligence Corp until transferring into the OSI when it was formed. When he retired in 1972 he was at the National Security Agency in Communications. During his career he served in Germany on two separate tours and in Turkey.

Jim was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 51 years Dorothy. His sons, Wesley and wife Betty of Oregon and Dorian of San Antonio, his Brother Dee and wife Patty in Omaha and sister Marilee and husband Don Petersen in Seattle survive him. There are seven Grandchildren, eleven Great Grandchildren and one Great-Great Grandchild.

Memorial service will be at Air Force Village II on Thursday, October 4, 2007 at 10 am. Burial will be Friday at Ft. Sam Houston at 10:30 am.

Jim would appreciate contributions to Boys Town in Omaha or the Alzheimer's Society in lieu of flowers.