



William Freeman Senay

January 4, 1940 - July 28, 2004

William Freeman Senay, born on January 4, 1940 in Fall River, Massachusetts, passed away on July 28, 2004 in San Antonio, Texas at the age of 64. He enlisted in the Air Force in 1957 and served eight years in the supply field at two bases in the United States and overseas at Tachikawa Air Base, Japan and RAF Labruch, Germany. After volunteering for and being accepted to attend Boom Operator School he joined the Strategic Air Command at Castle AFB, California and later became a KC-135 crew member at Westover AFB, Massachusetts. While assigned to a combat crew he spent two tours in Southeast Asia in support of Strategic Arclight missions. During his second tour he was called upon to support Tactical Air Command aircraft performing MIGCAP over the beleaguered U.S.S. Pueblo in the hands of the North Koreans. For his performance on that occasion he was awarded the Expeditionary Medal. His total flying time over a period of five years on a combat crew was 1900 hours. He was designated instructor boom operator and awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the Air Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters, and the Combat Readiness Medal in testimony of his superior aeronautical performance. While assigned to Plattsburgh AFB he volunteered and was assigned to the First Sergeant career field. His seven years in this position had taken him to two other CONUS bases, the Republic of Vietnam and the United Kingdom. As First Sergeant of the 3700 Resource Management Group, he served with great distinction in his terminal assignment. In addition to the awards he earned as an aeronaut, he had received the Meritorious

Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Outstanding Unit Award with Valor and four oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Good Conduct Medal with two bronze loops, the Vietnam Service Medal with one silver star and one bronze star, the National Defense Medal, the NCO Academy ribbon, the Small Arms Marksmanship ribbon with one bronze star, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal. When the history of our times is written, men such as Bill, who have served during the conflicts of the 1950's, 60's and 70's, will be credited with buying the time for mankind to survive. The conscientious and professional manner in which he has carried out his many and varied assignments should be a source of great pride and satisfaction to him and his family as it is to his country. He was recently employed by Standard Aero, to which he had given 5 years of dedicated service. He was also the Chairman of the S.A.R.A. Committee for Standard Aero, and the coordinator for the St. Matthew's Singles Group.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. He is survived by his fiancé, Sophia Chapa; daughters, Lori Senay-Marceau and husband, Lucien, and Lisa Senay; brother, John Senay and wife Eileen; granddaughter, Alexandra Marceau; niece, Erin Senay; and nephew, Christopher Senay.

SERVICES

Visitation will be held on Sunday, August 1, 2004 from 5:00 PM until 9:00 PM at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. The Funeral Service will be on Monday, August 2, 2004 at 12:00 PM at the funeral home chapel with Rev. Joe Walts officiating. Interment will follow at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery with full military honors.