

June 6, 1992

Russell A. Strong, Secretary
306th Bomb Group Association
5323 Cheval Place
Charlotte, NC 28205

Re: James W. Barkwill, Lt. Col. USAF

Dear Sir:

Your postcard soliciting information on my brother James W. Barkwill was just recently forwarded on to me for action.

The date of his death was October 16, 1971 at New Haven, Connecticut where he was serving as Chief of USAF Recruiting. Prior to the New Haven assignment he had served a tour in Southeast Asia in O-2A's, prior to that he was associated with SAC, Air Rescue and ATC in many staff and command positions.

I have enclosed a copy of the newspaper obituary from his home town St. Mary's, West Virginia where he was buried.

I hope the enclosed information will be of value to you and your efforts to assemble information concerning the 306th Bomb Group. If I can be of further service please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,



John F. Barkwill
Lt/Col. USAF (Ret)
1921 Japonica Road
Winter Park, FL 32792



Lt. Col. Barkwill Dead at Age 47

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He was born in Pleasants County Nov. 28, 1923, a son of the late Oliver C. and Anna Rea Barkwill.

After graduating from St. Marys High School in 1941, he attended West Virginia University before enlisting, the following year, in the then Army Air Corps. He attended flight school, was commissioned and served as a B17 navigator in the European Theatre during World War II.

Returning to St. Marys after leaving service in December, 1945, he was married to the former Miss Carol Green, also of St. Marys, in June of 1946.

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He is survived by his widow; three sons, Brooks of Morgantown, John of Tampa, Fla., and Jim of Biloxi, Miss.; three sisters, Mrs. Vincent Monahan of Martins Ferry, O., Miss Virginia Barkwill of St. Marys,

and Mrs. Delno Webb of St. Albans; one brother, Lt. Col. John F. Barkwill in Taiwan, Formosa.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Ruttencutter Funeral Home with the Rev. George McCune officiating. Burial was in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery.

The TwentyThird Psalm

The Lord is my Shepherd: I shall not want:
 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
 He leadeth me beside the still waters.
 He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the
 paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
 shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
 for thou art with me: thy rod and
 thy staff they comfort me.
 Thou preparest a table before me in the
 presence of mine enemies:
 thou anointest my head with oil:
 my cup runneth over.
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
 me all the days of my life: and I will
 dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

IN MEMORY OF
 Lt. Col. James W. Barkwill

DATE OF BIRTH
 November 28, 1923

PASSED AWAY
 October 16, 1971

PLACE AND TIME OF SERVICES
 Ruttencutter Funeral Home
 Wednesday, October 20, 1971, 2:00 P.M.

OFFICIATING
 Rev. George W. McCune

PLACE OF INTERMENT
 I. O. O. F. Cemetery
 St. Marys, W. Va.