## SSgt Lester E. Prellwitz Location - West-A: R8, C24



Corp. Lester E. Preliwitz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer J. Preliwitz, 668 High street, will soon complete his training at the combat crew training school, Sioux City, Ia. A gunner in a heavy bomber crew, Corporal Preliwitz entered the service Jan. 28, 1943. Prior to his entry into the service he was a student at Oshkosh High school.

## **Lester E. Prellwitz**

TACOMA, Wash. — Lester E. Prellwitz, 70, Tacoma, Wa went home to be with the Lord Dec. 22 in Tacoma. He was born May 16, 1924 the son of Elmer and Irma Dorow Prellwitz in the Town of Wolf River, Wi. He married Gertrude "Trudy" Folkerts Aug. 28, 1949 in Springfield, Il.

He served in the U.S. Air Force during WW II in the 100th Bomb Group stationed in England. He worked in the Insurance Industry for many years and most recently for Bratrud Middleton Insurance. He was also a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Surviving are his wife, Trudy, a son Gary (Debbie), DeKalb, Il. 3 daughters; Rebecca (Johnny) Brown, Gig Harbor, Wa., Peggy (Murray) Kainz, Jane (Geoff) Lambert both of Tacoma; 5 grandchildren; Matthew & Ryan Prellwitz, Kelsey Brown, Murphy Kainz and Austin Lambert, 1 brother, Lee Prellwitz, Ft. Lauderdale, Fl.; 3 sisters; Arvilla (LeRoy) Andresen, Darlene (Ken) Lyness, Oshkosh and Nancy (Roger) Wolf, Winneconne.

S/Sgt. Lester E. Prellwitz, 668 High street, was with the 1045th army air force base unit and was awarded the ETO service ribbon with three bronze stars, air medal with four oak leaf clusters and three overseas service bars. He entered the air force Feb. 4, 1943.





