

SGT Thomas J. Kontos

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Sgt. Thomas J. Kontos, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Kontos, of Butte des Morts, an Eighth air force B-17 Flying Fortress armorer and gunner, entered the aerial offensive against Germany in a heavy bombardment attack upon an underground oil storage dump in Roudnice, Czechoslovakia. Sergeant Kontos was a student at Oshkosh High school prior to entering the army air forces in April, 1944. He received his aerial gunnery wings at Kingman Field, Ariz., and studied aircraft armament at Denver, Colo.

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BUTTE DES MORTS — Thomas J. Kontos of Butte des Morts died Tuesday, June 22, 1993, at Theda Clark Regional Medical Center following a three-week illness.

He was born Jan. 17, 1926, in Chicago, the son of James and Kaleroy Skufakiss Kontos. He married Bonnie Porath Jan. 20, 1962, in Neenah.

Tom was a civil engineering graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He was employed as a senior project engineer for the state of Wisconsin Department of Transportation for over 30 years. Tom played a major role in the construction of most bridges in this part of the state. He received four major state awards recognizing his contributions for excellence in bridge construction.

He was a U.S. Army Air Force veteran of World War II. Tom was a toggler and a waist gunner on the B-17 Bomber. He was a member of the 549th Bomb Squadron of

the 385th Heavy Bombardment Group of the Eighth Air Force. He was a member of the Eighth Air Force Historical Society.

Tom is survived by his wife, Bonnie; a daughter, Tory L. of Oshkosh; two sons, Thomas H. of Butte des Morts and Todd C. of Neenah; a grandson, Tyler Christopher of Oshkosh; and a brother and sister-in-law, George J. and Merle Kontos of Butte des Morts. He was preceded in death by an infant sister, Lillian.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday, June 25, in Kessler Funeral Home, Neenah, the Rev. Daniel Habeck, pastor of Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church in Oshkosh, officiating. Interment will be in Lakeview Memorial Park, Oshkosh.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Kessler Funeral Home.

A memorial has been established.