## TSgt James R. Byrd

Location - West-AF: R6, C1

Byrd, James R. MADISON/DEFOREST - James R. Byrd, age 61. formerly of 474 Blackbird Lane, and DeForest, died in a Madison nursing home on Saturday, June 23, 1984. He was born April 9, 1923, in La Farge, Wisconsin. He was married to the former Iris Dawson in 1945. She preceded him in death in 1970. He served in the Civilian Conservation Corps from July 1940 to October 1941. He entered the Army Air Force October 28, 1941, serving in the following squadrons: 373 Bomber Group, 306 Bomber Group, 8th Air Force, England, 1942-1945; 60th Air Base Group, 11th Transport Carrier, 7323 Maintenance and Supply Squadron, 3605 Navigation Training, Ellington AFB, Houston, Texas; 3640th Pilot Training, Laredo, Texas; 79th Fighter Bomber Group, Woodridge, England; 327th Fighter Group, Madison. He served in the Air Force for 24 years. He worked for Madison Moving and Storage until 1978. He was presently employed by Walgreen's. He was a member of VFW Post 8483. American Legion Post 501, former cubmaster, Laredo, Texas and DeForest, Wisconsin, and Troop 35 committee member. Survivors include two sons, James Mike (Carol) Byrd of DeForest, Wisconsin, and Paul (Vicky) Byrd, Provo, Utah; three daughters, Mrs. Darrel (Veronica) Jenson, Utah, Yvonne Byrd, Smithfield, Utah, and Valarie Byrd, Madison; grandsons, Jim and John DeForest, Kevin and Scott Byrd, Utah, Tommy James and Michael Byrd, Utah; and Joseph Jenson of Utah; three granddaughters, Christine Byrd of Utah, and Sarah and Charity Jenson of Utah; his sister, Mrs. Clarence (Juanita) Reinke of Oshkosh; his brother, William (Hazel) Byrd of Richland Center, Wisconsin; also a sister-in-law, Mrs. Dennis (Joy) Scheurell of Schaumburg, Illinois; seven brothers-in-law, all in England; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held at RYAN FUNERAL HOME, 2418 N. Sherman Avenue, at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday June 26. Reverend Robert Smith will officiate. Burial will be in the DeForest Moravian Cemetery. Friends may call at the RYAN FUNERAL HOME on Monday, June 25, from 4-8 p.m. where a VFW Post 8483 memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the family.

