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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kuhnz, 156 Frederick avenue, have received word that their son, Arthur Jr., has been promoted to the rank of master sergeant. The youth was 18 years old Saturday and is crew chief in the air corps stationed in England. His brother, Staff Sgt. Louis Kuhnz, stationed likewise in England, has now completed 20 missions.

Master Sgt. Arthur H. Kuhnz, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Kuhnz, 156½ Frederick avenue, is a member of the ground crew personnel at an Eighth army air force bomber station in England, according to a news dispatch released from England. Sergeant Kuhnz is responsible for the repair and maintenance of the Flying Fortresses. As a crew chief, he has charge of the work performed by the ground crew of one of the Fortresses, and it is his responsibility to see that the bomber is in perfect mechanical condition for each bombing mission. Sergeant Kuhnz graduated from Oshkosh High school in June of 1942 and entered the army air forces in August of 1942.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kuhnz, 341 Fourteenth street, have received word their son, Arthur Kuhnz Jr., has been assigned to the United States air forces at Keesler Field, Miss. He has been located at Fort Sheridan, Ill.

M/Sgt. Arthur H. Kuhnz Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Kuhnz, 157 Central, has been awarded the bronze star medal. As crew chief of a ground crew servicing heavy bombers, he received the medal on Dec. 26. His crew was credited with having serviced planes which completed 60 missions against the enemy without having to return because of mechanical difficulty or failure.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kuhn, 157 Central avenue, have received a letter from their son, Master Sgt. Arthur Kuhn Jr., 18, stationed somewhere in England, informing her that he has received the presidential citation for efficiency as crew chief on a Flying Fortress. Sergeant Kuhn is in charge of two Fortresses, each of which flew 10 combat missions without any damage to the mechanism. Sergeant Kuhn entered the service Aug. 24, 1942 and arrived overseas in November of 1943. He attended Oshkosh High school and previously was awarded the good conduct medal. A brother, Staff Sgt. Lewis Kuhn, is now stationed somewhere in Florida, after completing 30 missions over enemy territory while based in England. While overseas the youths met on three different occasions.

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T/Sgt. Arthur H. Kuhnz, 157 Central avenue, was with the 410th bombardment squadron as airplane crew chief and won the ETO service ribbon with one silver battle star and one bronze battle star, good conduct medal, bronze star medal and three overseas service bars. He entered service Aug. 26, 1942.

Corp. Arthur H. Kuhnz Jr., 20. son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Kuhnz, 341 Fourteenth street, has graduated from a course in aircraft engines conducted by the army air forces technical training command at the Wright Aeronautical Corporation, Paterson, N. J. Kuhnz attended Oshkosh High school and was employed as a grocery clerk before enlisting in the army air forces Aug. 28, 1942. His brother, Staff Sgt. Lewis Kuhnz, is also in the A. A. F. and is stationed as an aerial engineer in Williston, Fla.

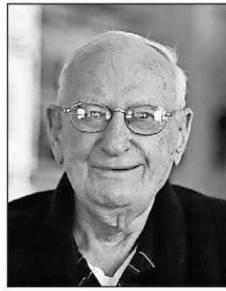
Kuhn, Arthur

Arthur Harvey Kuhn (Bunner), age 90, of Oshkosh passed away on Saturday, February 11, 2017. He was born on a farm on February 18, 1926 in New Lisbon, Wisconsin, the third son of Arthur and Bessie Kuhn née Lewis and married the love of his life Beverly (Brownie) Lilian Kuhn née Malchow on October 30, 1954.

Bunner joined the U.S. Army Air Corps at age 16 in 1942 where he served his country in England as a Crew Chief of a B-17 Bomber reaching the rank of Master Sergeant at the conclusion of WWII. He was awarded the Bronze Star after his aircraft completed sixty consecutive successful missions; his eventual profound loss of hearing was a direct result of "running the engines wide-open all day long." He completed his military service in the Army Reserves as a First Lieutenant in 1959. He was taught to fly by Warren Basler and earned his pilot's license during the time he served in the Army Reserves.

After returning from the war he attended the Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE) before his 46-year employment at Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPSC), the final 10 years as Superintendent of Gas Services in Green Bay until his retirement in 1992. He was elected President of the American Gas Association for two terms from 1972 to 1975. He also served as President of the Oshkosh Optimist's Club and Council President at St. John's Lutheran Church, Oshkosh.

Bunner's survivors include his loving wife Brownie, Oshkosh and their five adoring children whom they raised at their home on Liberty Street in Oshkosh: Geoffrey/Gus Kuhn (Cindy) of Oshkosh, grandchildren Anthony Kuhn (Shilpi Roy) of Los Angeles and Molly Hicks (Chas) and great grandson Wesley of Lithia, FL; Stephanie Sue Kohler (Doug) of Houston, grandson Christopher Kohler of Houston; Lisa Moore (Clint) of Chesapeake, VA, grandsons Clint Moore of Fort Lauderdale, FL and Hunter Moore of Chesapeake, VA; Christopher Kuhn of Egg Harbor, WI; and Adam Kuhn (Trina) of Green Bay. Bunner and Brownie were also blessed with opportunity to finish the raising of two nieces, Adrian/Tootie Gonzalez



née Spanbauer (deceased), Lydia Hegler née Spanbauer (Bill) and nephew Robert Spanbauer (Linda). He is also survived by sister-in-law Shirley Rennert (Dutch) of St. Augustine, FL; sister-in-law Betty Jungwirth, of Oshkosh; brother-in-law Merlin Hornke, of Oshkosh; and brother-in-law Richard Malchow (Marlene), of Oshkosh. Uncle Bunner will also be remembered frequently by scores of nieces and nephews.

Bunner was preceded in death by his parents Arthur and Bessie and his older brother Lewis, with whom he enlisted and served during WWII, and oldest brother Charles who paid for his education at the Rose C. Swart Training School.

Bunner's interests included being unselfish, performing random acts of kindness (before it was trendy) and being helpfully accessible to both loved ones and strangers alike; there were hundreds who benefitted from his generosity. He also enjoyed riding the scooters at Festival Foods three times a day, meeting and greeting everyone in the store while he shopped. A kinder and more unassuming man you will never find.

Per Bunner's request there will be a private memorial service prior to the Celebration of Life for friends of the family from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Friday, February 17 at the home of Cindy and Geoffrey/Gus Kuhn, 4279 Fisk Avenue, Oshkosh, WI.

The family is grateful for the outstanding care provided by Park View Health Center in late 2016, for the kind care by the Affinity VNA and especially for the gracious and generous services provided by the volunteers at the Winchester/Larsen Lion's Club in Bunner's final months. Without them his family would not have been able to enjoy Bunner's company in his final days. In lieu of flowers please consider donations to the Winchester/Larsen Lion's Club in Bunner's name.

