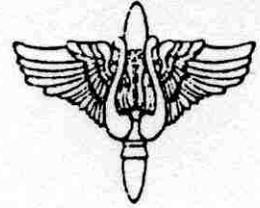




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BOYD "CHIEF" EAGLE

Internment: Biloxi National Cemetery, MS

For those of us who were fortunate to have personally known *Boyd Eagle*, he was a very devoted professional artist. Music was his way of life and he loved what he did. The only full blooded Indian Air Force Bandleader, he was an excellent teacher, bandleader and arranger. After over 30 years of service in the USAF, he retired at Ocean Springs, MS. He was a respected jazz musician, an arranger and performed for several jazz bands in the area, including Art Cissell and the Stardusters. He was also a life member of the Biloxi Jazz Society, A Mason and Shriner.

Boyd will be missed by all of us, and his contributions to music in the Air Force will long be remembered. He is survived by his wife Ruth, five daughters, one son and several grandchildren.

JOHN A. "LUCKY" BORLAND

Internment: Montgomery, AL

Lucky Borland passed away on December 30, 1990 after a long illness. He is survived by his wife Clem, two daughters; Debbie, Norma Gay, and grandchildren.

All who knew Lucky liked Lucky. He was a gentleman, kind and respectful of the feelings of others. He could always be counted on for a note of optimism in any situation, laughing his unique laugh when things seemed dismal to everyone else. His musicianship was unsurpassed. As a member of the Falconaires, or any of the jazz ensembles he performed with, his ability to improvise was truly remarkable and admired by all. We shall miss him!

NOTICE NOTICE

Dues for 1991 are now due: Please help us continue our efforts and send your \$10.00 to Vince.

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PERSONALS

Curt and Maxine Parsons

Maxine is enjoying her retirement. Now they are travelling and enjoying their free time together. They are a "one car--one man--one woman--one dog family!" Wishing everyone a Happy New Year!

Dick and Iris Thurston

They attended the ABA meeting Champaign IL the end of last Feb. "It was fun to see the flat plains and no snow." Iris attended three reunions in 1990. Two were family, one in the Black Hills, SD, and one on the Oregon coast. "In Oregon we went deep sea Salmon fishing. It sure enhanced the meals. Also sighted some whales." She then met Dick in CO for the RAFM reunion in August. They both attended the Midwest Band Clinic in Chicago last December. They wish all a Happy New Year.

MORE PERSONALS

Bob and Lena Mason

Bob has been retired since '75 and is an adjunct faculty member of the University of Alaska/Anchorage Community College (since '72). He was secretary/BA of Local 650, AF of M 1976-81. He still teaches privately, does some "gigging" and is conductor of the Anchorage Community Band. They celebrate their 40th anniversary in July and have 7 grandkids. They send holiday greetings to all.

"H" and Eleanor Englert

"H" writes...."Hope everyone had a Happy Holiday Season! We are still breathing and walking to boot! Not fast, mind you, as my feet and Eleanors hurt constantly. Ole Dad has never been known to move swiftly on my feet. Like I say, we eventually get to where we are going. We are old but reliable! Not much new here, except we recently bought a new hot water tank, stove and refrigerator so we can cook and eat a lot more. Our age means nothing when it comes to food. Don't you know we must keep our poor stomachs in an uproar, wondering what's coming down next? We've had several pleasant surprises this past year when old (I use the term loosely) dear friends came to Maui to see us. It was just great turning back the clock and talking about the good time we all had when we were young and full of it. We look forward to hearing from all of you. So don't dissapoint us. Keep those cards and letters coming!! Lots of Aloha from the Odd Couple."

Ed and Helen D'Alfonso

Several have asked, "What happened to Ed D'Alfonso?" Well now it can be told. Micki and I were in the Hampton VA area for Christmas, as our son is stationed at Langley AFB. We had the opportunity to contact Ed and Helen. Ed is quite busy...he is in the business of putting music on video tape. Whatever you like...modern, orchestra, band, tenor band, choral, dixie, cocktail, country western, etc. Ed can produce it for you on his synthesizer and computer electronic equipment.

After its on the disc, give him another key and within seconds the entire selection is transposed. With all this, Eddie still has time to teach piano and play a few local "gigs." Helen has recently retired form teaching school

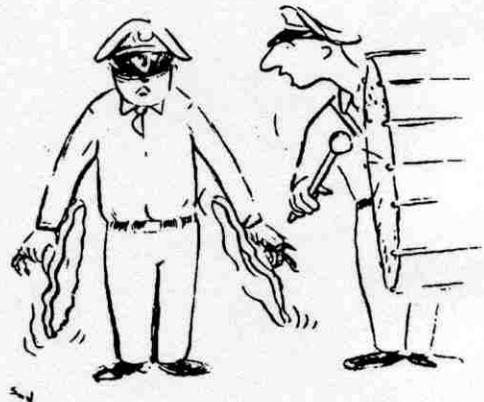
and enjoys keeping track of Ed and their daughter, Debbie who will be getting married in 1991 and is living in Tampa, FL. Both look great and do not have time to get Old.! By the way,...Eddie greeted me wearing one of our new RAFBL Society caps, which Helen gave him for Christmas!!
ps...I hope to get a picture to Vince of this new cap so he can reproduce it in the CODA for all to see and order one!

Adam and Merlin Shaffer

Adam reports that they have moved to Greensboro, NC to be near their son and family. He had some stomach problems, but is doing OK at the present time.

Harold Hoyt

"This year has been much different for me mainly due to the onset of prostate cancer leading to surgery early last March. I am pleased to report that the treatment has proved to be without complications and the doctor at Lahey Clinic has dismissed me with checkups scheduled every six months."
Fine



* THATS GIVIN' THE OL' MARCH HELL !! *

Editors Remarks.....How do you like the new news bulletin? The name "CODA" and the layout work is all credited to Vince and his new computer. Remember Vince is also a volunteer and would enjoy hearing from you. He says the CODA will be better when he learns more about the new software (Pagemaker 4).

.....Lou K.