



Howard T. Bjornson, Tsgt, USAF Retired

December 27, 1928 - June 19, 2011

Howard Thor Bjornson, TSgt, USAF Retired, age 82 of Highland, IL, died Sunday, June 19, 2011, at Highland Health Care Center in Highland, IL.

He was born on Thursday, December 27, 1928, in Flint, MI, the son of Thor M. and Margaret E. (nee Needham) Bjornson.

On Saturday, October 28, 1961, he married Virginia J. Bjornson (nee Rapp) who survives.

He was a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

Mr. Bjornson was born in Flint, Michigan and at age 2 moved to Waukegan, IL. At the age of 15, he moved to Duluth, MN. In 1948, he joined the US Air Force with duty in Germany, England, Saudi Arabia, and Tripoli, Libya. He also served at Scott Air Force Base, Andrews AFB, Travis AFB, Lowry Field, and Tinker AFB. He retired in 1968 as Tech. Sgt. with AFCS (Air Force Communications Services). After retirement, he moved to Highland; worked for St. Paul School for a number of years, and later at Wicks Aircraft for 13 years. He was a voracious reader, especially in history and current events.

Survivors include:

Wife - Virginia J. "Ginny" (nee Rapp) Bjornson, Highland, IL

Daughter - Anne M. (Thomas) Parkinson, Evanston, IL
Daughter - Margaret M. (Daniel P.) Sabato, Gurnee, IL
Son - Michael J. Bjornson, Washington, DC
Son - James A. Bjornson, Pontoon Beach, IL
Daughter - Virginia E. \"Ginger\" Bjornson, Cartersville, GA
Daughter - Mary A. (Stephen) Reeds, Sandy Hook, CT
Son - Thomas G. Bjornson, Alton, IL
Daughter - Christina M. (Douglas) Maxwell, Maryland Heights, MO
Grandchildren - Eleven

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Thor M. Bjornson

Mother - Margaret E. (nee Needham) Bjornson

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.