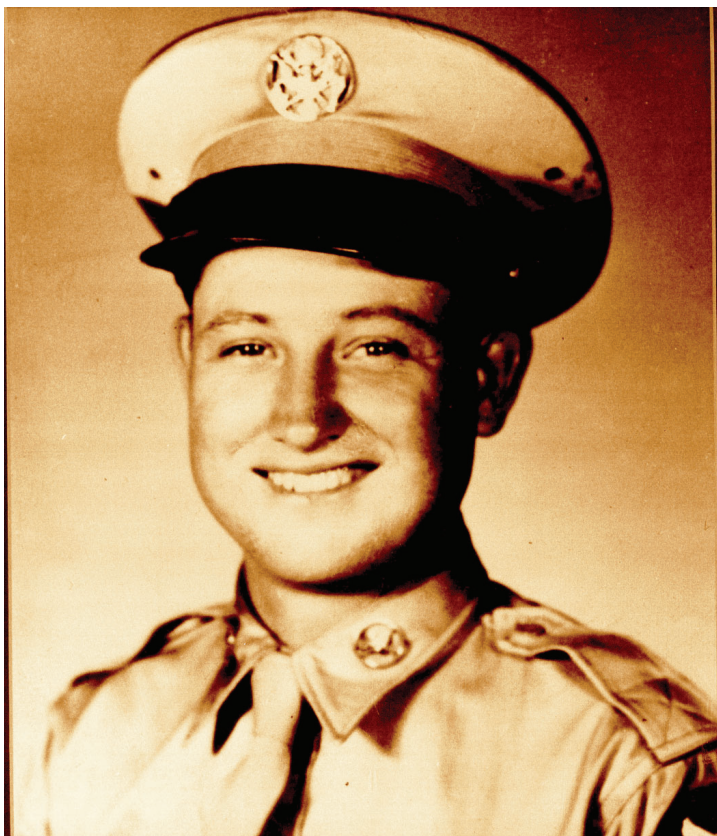




Lonnie W. Brown

U.S. Air Force



Lonnie joined the Air Force at 17 years of age. He turned 18, 19, and 20 overseas. His pay was \$75.00 per month, and he sent \$50.00 per month home to his mother and father to help raise his four younger brothers.

During daddy's 20 years of service, he spent eight Christmases overseas. He was in crypto, coding and decoding, and sending and receiving sensitive communications (he had top secret clearance).

We never went to work with Daddy on "take your child to work day". He handled communication with President John F. Kennedy during the Cuban Missile Crisis, as pilots were deployed from Wheelus Air Force Base in Tripoli, Libya.

Temporary Duty Stations:

- Crypto School-Texas
- IBM School-San Bernadino, CA
- Supply School-Cheyenne, WY
- Puerto Rico
- Panama Canal Zone

Permanent Base Assignments

- Japan: Itazuke, Ozone, Fukuoka, Nagoya
- Moody AFB in GA
- Tyndal AFB, Eglin AFB (twice) in FL
- Korea: Osan, Pusan, and a bunch of other 'sans
- Wheelus AFB-Tipoli, Libya, Africa
- Nellis AFB in NV
- Pleiku, Vietnam
- Green Hill, Bangkok, Thailand
- Cape Romanzoff, Alaska
- Sewart AFB in TN



Momma and Daddy had been married for 2 weeks when he was sent to Korea. Mama spent 15 years as an Air Force wife, raising 1, 3 or 4 children alone (twins) for a year at a time. Momma and Daddy, both, retired from active duty in 1970 and stayed pretty close to Syfrett Creek. Daddy dies in 2010 from cancer due to his exposure to Agent Orange.

Submitted by Deborah Brown, daughter of Lonnie W. Brown