

James Bangham

James Bangham, 67, Santa Clara, Calif., a former Grinnell resident, died Feb. 8 at his home of cancer.

Services were held Monday, Feb. 13, in St. Joseph of Cupertino Church, Cupertino, Calif., with burial in Santa Clara Mission Cemetery, Santa Clara.

The son of Ernest Raymond and Ella Johnston Bangham, he was born Sept. 1, 1921, at their farm home near Grinnell. He graduated from Grinnell High School in 1938, and attended Grinnell College for two years before becoming a radio operator for Northwest Airlines, flying with the Air Transport Command carrying troops and supplies to Attu Island during the early part of World War II. He joined the navy in 1944 and left the service in 1967 as a lieutenant commander, having served in the Korean conflict during which he flew combat missions off the deck of the USS Lexington and the Vietnam conflict when he commanded a C-130 ferrying supplies from the West Coast. He became a research analyst for Lockheed Missiles and Space Co. from which he retired in 1987.