

## ***Frank B. Toftness, Pilot – Missing in Action***

*Draft Summary by Donna Whitman and Dick Toftness- December.7*

Franklin Bartlett Toftness, pilot of Foxy Lady, was the son of Henry J. Toftness and Effie (Bartlett) Toftness of Minneapolis, MN. He was born in Hinsdale, MT about 1915. (Here, I hope that Joy can help. I have been unable to find Frank's exact date of birth anywhere.)

Henry had moved from Minnesota to Montana in 1910 with his father, a brother, uncle, and several cousins to homestead land. He married Effie Bartlett, a teacher, in Hinsdale, MT May 29, 1912. Frank was the 2nd of three sons. His brothers also served in WW II. His older brother, Robert, was an Army Staff Sergeant for the Signal Corp and his younger brother, Henry (known as Bart), was a grade seven Warrant Officer in the Air Force. Frank graduated from Washburn High School in Minneapolis, MN.



Frank and Elizabeth Irene Jacobson married on Saturday, September 3, 1938 in Minneapolis. Their daughter Joy was born June 27, 1944. Frank worked for Joy's grandfather, who owned Jacobson Trucking Company.

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