

Lloyd Marvin Peacock - The Survivor – Draft Dated: Nov.28, 2001

Lloyd Peacock was born on July 20, 1924 in rural Ohio. He lived on a farm between the towns of Ludlow Falls, his mailing address, and Pleasant Hills, where he attended high school. His high school girl friend was Quida who was born August 10, 1924 in Hernando County, Florida. After graduation, Lloyd left for Army service one month after Quida entered the Cadet Nurses Corps



On the final mission of the Foxy Lady, after the plane had lost three engines and was on fire, it was apparent to Lloyd that the plane was on the way down over the North Sea. At that time he helped George Wilson, who could not swim, put on a life jacket and to exit the plane. After the other gunner, Adolph Lenti, bailed out, he yelled at the other crewmembers to hurry as he left the plane without a life jacket. A fraction of a second later the plane exploded and Lloyd was injured.

However, after landing in the water he had the presence-of-mind to remove his heavy flying clothing and to start swimming and treading water. After approximately one hour of swimming in freezing water and 40 feet high waves, a rescue boat picked him up

Lloyd was hospitalized in England for several weeks and then was transferred back to the States. His mother wrote to George Wilson's mother: "He (Lloyd) sure had the blues when he was home because they were all gone. The first thing he asked for was the picture of all of them. I am sorry that you lost your boy. I know how you feel because I have two boys in the Army. One is married and has two children. I have another son who is ready for the Army, he is 17."

While on leave, Lloyd married his high school sweetheart Quida on October 20, 1944. He returned to the Army and she returned to nurses training.



The Peacocks have three children. Martin (age 47) is a senior Pastor, Matha (age 48) is an Associate Professor at a community college and Marcia (age 53) is a registered nurse. They also have seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren

Matha recently wrote: “We know our father, as so many others, made great sacrifices during the war. It is a miracle he survived when all the other crewmembers were lost. He has been an amazing father, husband and friend. He is a hero to us. We love him dearly.”

Lloyd and Quida Peacock are living in Brooksville, Florida, located approximately 70 miles Northwest of Orlando. Quida recently wrote “He is a survivor in many ways. He had a very bad stroke in 1988 but what a spirit. It has been about 14 years since that stroke and he is full of life, ready for each day. We have had a beautiful happy life. We now live in Florida where he can be outside year round on his tricycle. Everyone here knows and loves him. Lloyd is still in good health in spite of his disabilities. If he only could talk?”



*Quida and Lloyd on their 57 th,
Anniversary – October 29, 2001*