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TSgt Jim Bloom

377th Security Police Squadron,

Tan Son Nhut, SVN, 1967-1968

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James K. Bloom
USAF, SMSgt ret

Wilsonville – 9/24/07

Jim was born October 10, 1939 in Three Rivers, MI. He was the son of Kenneth and Eunice (DeWeerd) Bloom. Survived by his spouse Judith of Wilsonville, AL, a son Chad of Murfreesboro, TN, a sister Marena Kuratko of Three Rivers, MI, grandchildren Brett and Ben and their mother Kathy Bloom of Murfreesboro, TN, steps sons Chris Gray and Eric Arndt of NC, his beloved Aunt Bee (Bernita Hughes), and nieces Mindy (Greg) Shutes of Three Rivers, MI, and Cari (Mike) Marzolf of Douglas, MI. Preceded in death by his parents, sister Marilyn, and his brother Fred Bloom.

Jim joined the AF after graduating from High School in 1957; retiring in 1978. He was hand selected to become an aircrew member serving as a presidential security guard aboard Air Force One from 1963 until his deployment to South Vietnam in 1967. While in Vietnam he was awarded the Bronze Star and Presidential Unit Citation for his actions and participation in repelling a North Vietnamese attack on Ton Son Nut Air Base, SVN, during the Tet Offensive of 1968. Following his tour of duty in Vietnam he returned to Andrews AFB where he resumed his duties as a presidential security guard aboard Air Force One. He traveled extensively with Presidents, Congressmen, and federal Department Secretaries including historic trips to China and the former Soviet Union with President Nixon. Following his Air Force career he went on to work with the US Postal Service retiring in 2001.

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