



Air Training Command



B-47 Stratojet

**Allen Paul McNabb**  
**Airman 2/C U.S. Air Force**  
**4 January 1951 – 21 December 1954**

Allen was born on 24 May 1930 in Wescosville, Pennsylvania, where he attended grade school from 1936 to 1944. He then entered Emmaus High School in Emmaus, Pennsylvania, graduating in 1948. Allen worked on the poultry farm in Wescosville from 1939 until he enlisted as an Airman in the Air Force on 4 January 1951. Allen received basic and specialty training while assigned to Air Training Command: first at Lackland Air Force Base (AFB), San Antonio, Texas, for 10 weeks basic training, followed by Aircraft Engine Mechanics School at Love Field, Dallas, Texas, and then Chanute AFB, Rantoul, Illinois, where he attended Aircraft Engine School and qualified as a Jet Engine Mechanic. Allen then spent the rest of his service in the States working on maintaining and repairing jet aircraft engines and was stationed successively at Tyndall AFB, Panama City, Florida; San Marcus AFB, San Marcus, Texas; Wichita AFB (later becoming McConnell AFB) in Wichita for B-47 Bomber School; and Perrin AFB, Sherman, Texas. After Allen was discharged as Airman Second Class on 21 December 1954, he worked for Lehigh Valley Transit Company as a Bus Mechanic from 1955 to 1956. He then worked for two years at Air Products and Chemicals in Allentown and Trexlertown, Pennsylvania, doing column assembly work before opening McNabb's Service Station at the corner of Brookside Road and Route 222 (later Hamilton Boulevard) in Wescosville. He owned and operated his service station where he and his staff performed automobile repairs and conducted Pennsylvania State Inspection Services from 1958 to 2003 when he retired. Allen married **Mary Ann Bodder** on 14 March 1959 at Redeemer Lutheran Church at 19th and Washington Streets in Allentown. Allen and Mary Ann lived in Wescosville until Allen retired; they then relocated to Macungie, Pennsylvania. They had one son, **Brent McNabb**, and one daughter, **Sharon McNabb Doherty**. After Allen's retirement, their son Brent and grandson **Gabe McNabb** continued to operate the service station in Wescosville. Allen was a Fireman for the Wescosville Fire Company (now Lower Macungie Township Fire Company) for 58 years, a member of the Lions Club for 19 years, and a member of the Lehigh Masonic Lodge for 42 years. He was an avid boater for 25 years, a golfer for 10 years, and enjoyed bowling, hunting, fishing and playing baseball. Allen's parents were **William Herbert McNabb** (24 January 1902 – 23 June 1885) and **Verna Clara DeLong** (2 December 1903 – 18 June 1984).

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