



B-47 Stratojet Bomber



F-86 Sabre Fighter

Robert Daniel Frankenfield
Airman 1/C U.S. Air Force
4 January 1951 – 13 December 1954

Robert was born on 3 May 1932 in Allentown, Pennsylvania. His family later moved from Allentown to Route 1, Wescosville, Pennsylvania, in Lower Macungie Township. Robert attended grades 1–8 at East Texas School and Wescosville School, both in Lower Macungie Township. He went on to graduate from Emmaus High School in Emmaus, Pennsylvania, in 1950. After high school, he enlisted as an Airman in the Air Force in Allentown on 4 January 1951, and was inducted at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He then attended the B-47 Mechanics Familiarization Course at B-47-2 Mobile Training Detachment, Wichita Air Force Base (AFB) in Kansas until 12 March 1951. After that, he attended the Aircraft Maintenance Fundamentals Course at Dallas Aviation School, Lackland AFB in Dallas, Texas, until 13 July 1951. He continued to serve at Lackland until October 1951, when he was transferred to Chanute AFB in Rantoul, Illinois. At Chanute, Robert initially attended Aircraft Jet Engine Mechanic School until December 1951, specializing in J-47 jet engines. He then worked at Chanute, servicing jet engines for F-86 Sabre fighter aircraft until November 1952, after which he attended Aircraft Jet Engine Mechanic School there for a month, specializing in the J-47-17 turbojet aircraft engine. In December 1952, he was assigned to the 3627th Field Maintenance Squadron at Tyndall AFB in Florida for two years where he continued to service jet aircraft engines. Robert was discharged from the Air Force as an Airman 1/C on 13 December 1954 at Tyndall AFB, and returned home to work for Willard Battery Company (which later became Exide Company) in Allentown, retiring in 1988. Robert married **Catherine Arline Stump** (born 23 June 1929) on 28 August 1971 in Alburtis, Pennsylvania, where they made their permanent home and raised two children, **Gary Michael** and **Troy Daniel**. Robert was a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd United Church of Christ in Alburtis, and was a member of American Legion Post 191 in Emmaus. Robert died on 25 February 2005 in Lehigh Valley Hospital, Salisbury Township, and is buried at Highland Memorial Park in Allentown. Robert's parents were **Guy Miles Frankenfield** (22 May 1895 – 29 January 1966), who served in the Army during World War I, and **Amenia Louisa Fink** (9 May 1900 – 7 August 1979), who served as an Aircraft Spotter in Krocksville, Pennsylvania, during World War II. Robert's brother, **Ralph Guy Frankenfield**, served in the Navy from 19 December 1950 – 20 September 1954.