



Joseph John Klocek
Staff Sergeant U.S. Air Force
15 January 1955 – 20 December 1958

Joseph was born on 2 April 1935 in Shenandoah, Pennsylvania, where he attended Saint Stanislaw Grade School from 1942 to 1950 and J.W. Cooper High School, from which he graduated in 1954. Joseph enlisted in the Air Force on 15 January 1955 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and underwent basic training at Sampson Air Force Base, New York. In April 1955, he was assigned to MacDill Air Force Base near Tampa, Florida, for three months where he was an Air Policeman. He then was assigned to Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas, where he attended advanced training as an Aircraft Engine Mechanic from July 1955 to December 1955. Joseph was then transferred to Langley Air Force Base, Hampton, Virginia, where he was assigned to the 429th Air Refueling Squadron, 405th Fighter Bomber Wing, as an Aircraft Engine Mechanic for the KB-50 Superfortress Tanker aircraft until July 1958, when his Squadron was reassigned to the 405th Fighter Bomber Wing. He was discharged at Langley as a Staff Sergeant on 20 December 1958, and then served in the Air Force Reserves until 13 January 1963. After his release from active duty, Joseph returned to Shenandoah and attended the Williamsport Technical Institute in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, for a year, where he studied to become a Machinist. He graduated in March 1960, and then moved to Allentown, Pennsylvania, where he went to work as a Toolmaker for Western Electric Company, which later became the American Telephone & Telegraph Company and then Lucent Technologies, Inc. He worked there from 9 March 1960 until he retired on 1 April 1997. Joseph married **Elizabeth Ann Pritchard** (born 24 August 1940) on 17 September 1960 at Annunciation Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Shenandoah. They lived in Allentown until 2001, when they moved to Lower Macungie Township, Pennsylvania, where they settled. Joseph and Elizabeth had three children: **James Joseph**, **Joanne Marie**, and **Carolann Elizabeth**. Joseph's parents were **John Frank Klocek** (1 April 1905 – 28 January 1998) and **Mary Sahutsky** (1 January 1909 – 28 June 2004).



KB50 Superfortress
Refueling Fighter Aircraft