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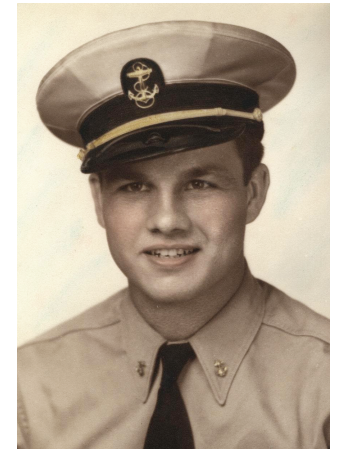
Grandchildren: Paul Pleasant (Katy), Gwenn Secrease (Joseph Boyd), Denise Pleasant Reed (Ryan), Eric Secrease (Sarah), Andrew Tevlin (Melissa), Laura Tevlin, Kyle Tevlin, Daniel Halsig, Amanda Myers, Shannon Tevlin O’Bryant (Doug), Kristin Tevlin, Matthew Myers, and Rachael Myers;

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Career:

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1952-1953 - KACY-TV Chief Engineer

1953-1954 - KSD-TV Engineer

1954-1985 - KWK-TV / KMOX-TV Engineer, CBS Sports

Cameraman, Original Crew, 1st in USA ENG

Cameraman ("Mini" Camera, Electronic News Gathering), Audio Technician

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