

# AVIATION WALL OF HONOR



## **Lieutenant jg USNR William Tuohimaa Killed in Action**

William Tuohimaa was born on July 20, 1922 in Ishpeming, Michigan. He graduated from the National Mine High School in 1939. Following graduation, he worked in the Athens mine of the Cleveland Cliffs Iron Company until August of 1942 when he enlisted in the Navy Air Corps. He received his wings in January 1944 in Pensacola, Florida and in March was assigned to an unnamed aircraft carrier in the Pacific.

On September 10, 1945 his sister, Mrs. William Keskey, received the tragic information that her brother, Lieutenant jg William Tuohimaa, was killed in action on August 10, 1945 in the Pacific.

This was the telegram from Vice Admiral Randall Jacobs, Chief Naval personnel: "I deeply regret to inform you that your brother, Lieutenant jg William Tuohimaa, USNR, has been killed in action August 10 in the service of his country. Sincerest sympathy is extended to you in your loss. When further details as to whether body recovered and interred are received, you will be informed."

He left his father Charles Tuohimaa from Caro, Illinois, a brother John from Ishpeming, and two sisters, Mrs. Joseph Cesari from Detroit, and Mrs. William Keskey, from Ishpeming.

TJ Mudge, May 2004