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Noble Eagle

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Enduring Freedom,

Saipan

(Afghanistan)

Okinawa

Honors to the King of Battle, HQ, & the Auxiliary

Over the years the 27th has had many different Field Artillery units serve as their “Kings of Battle.” In World War II it was the 104th, 105th, 106th, and 249th Battalions. There was also the Division Artillery section which coordinated all Field Artillery activities on the battlefield. In the armored years some of these units left to join the 42d Division, while some new ones joined, as mentioned in Volume III.

On the following pages are some of the many Soldiers who served with the Artillery in WWII and beyond.

Additionally, I wanted to pay respect to the women who served as part of the Association Auxiliary. In many instances I am sure they were the glue that held some of the posts and Reunion activities together. As a

Vice Commander and later National Commander, I received a lot of help from the Auxiliary.

As I have been stating since Volume II, the personnel reflected in these obituaries are former 27th Division Association or Association Auxiliary members. If you don’t see someone you know from the 27th, **and you know they were a member**, please forward me their obituary and I will do my best to include them in a future document.

My email is 27thdivisionassociation@gmail.com.

Yours in service, Editor

SOLDIER'S PRAYER

by Col. Lewis L. Millett

*I've fought when others feared to serve.
I've gone where many failed to go.
I've lost friends in war and strife,
who valued duty over the love of life.
I've shared the comradeship of pain
I've searched these lands for men that we've lost.*

*I've sons who've served our land of liberty,
who'd fight to see that other lands are free.
I've seen the weak forsake humanity.
I've heard fakers praise our enemy.
I've seen challenged men stand ever bolder.
I've seen the duty, the honor, the sacrifice of the soldier.*

*Now, I understand the meaning of all lives,
The lives of comrades of not so long ago.
So to you who answered duties siren call,
may God bless you my son,
may God bless you all.*

Call the Roll

Josephine Amico	Cora Hoffay
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Howard Confer	George P. Lucas
Louise V. Criscione	Paul Eugene Mayer
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Hillis Dille	Frank J. Mullen
Hugo Dubaldi	Arthur R. Myer
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Thomas J. Galvin	Harry F. Peasland
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104th Field Artillery

“Semper Paratus”



104th Field Artillery Battalion, Bty F and 3d Infantry Regiment

Frank E. Burkitt, 86, of Ridge, formerly of Brentwood, NY on August 14, 2008.

Veteran of WWII, serving in the Pacific theatre in the 27th Division of the U.S. Army.

Loving husband of Eleanor of sixty years. Devoted father of Mary Hart, Ellen Reilly, Cathy Conway, Michael, Daniel and the late Frank E. Jr. Beloved father-in-law of Christopher Reilly, Darrell Conway, Patrice and Caroline Burkitt. Cherished grandfather of Jennifer, Robyn, Erin, Rory, Colin, Evan, Tom, Annie, Connor, Jessica, and Joseph. Great-grandfather of Olivia.



104th Field Artillery Battalion, Bty F

Dominick M. Campagna, of Cortlandt Manor, formerly of Elmsford, died of natural causes on August 27, 2001 at Phelps Memorial Hospital in Sleepy Hollow, NY, he was 85. Mr. Campagna was born November 21, 1915 in Old Forge, PA to Joseph and Rachel Amorosa Campagna. He was educated in New Rochelle and graduated from New

Rochelle High School Class of 1933. Mr. Campagna lived in Cortlandt Manor for the past seven years, before that he lived in Elmsford.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1943-1946 attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Mr. Campagna worked as a salesman for Sexton-Rykoff Co. in Englewood, NJ, he was their #1 salesman for decades. He was with the company for 50 years, retiring in 1991. Mr. Campagna will be remembered for salesmanship at work.

In 1948 he married Loretta Fagone at St. Ursuline Church in Mt. Vernon, NY. From 1952 to 1994 he was a parishioner of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Elmsford. He is survived by his daughter Barbara Pettersen of Cortlandt Manor.

104th Field Artillery Battalion, Bty C; then USAF

Howard G. "Red" Confer, 89, of Castle Creek, died Tuesday, August 1, 2006, at the Waters of Endicott.

He was a retiree of the Town of Chenango Highway Dept. with over 20 years of service, and a veteran of both the Army and Air Force.

His hobbies included hunting, fishing, and radio-controlled airplanes. His love of wildlife and especially the American Bald Eagle made him proud to have served his country.

He is survived by his children, David H. Confer and his wife, Donna, Castle Creek, Denise A. Gioffredo and her husband, Frank, Vestal; three grandchildren, Tiffany Nicole Confer, Courtney Raye Gioffredo and Derek James Gioffredo; as well as his faithful companion, Snowball; a sister, Marjorie Adamik, Endicott; a brother and sister-in-law, Thomas and Lou Confer, Jr., Windsor; as well as several nieces and nephews.



104th Field Artillery Battalion, Bty B

Nelson Daniel Dickey, born July 22, 1920 at Johnson City, NY, passed peacefully into Eternal Rest on October 5, 2017 at Hudson, NY.

Nelson served in the United States Army in World War II from October 10, 1940 to October of 1945, deployed from the National Guard, 104th Field Artillery, Battery B.

Nelson was a graduate of Johnson City High School and after Army service completed extensive post-graduate work through the IBM training school.

He was a retired IBM employee (Endicott, NY) and a volunteer at Willow Point Nursing Home.

He was a member of the 27th Division Association, Sarah Jane Johnson Memorial UM Church, The American Legion, a former Johnson City Lion's Club member for 25 years, and a central New York Eye Bank serviceman ('Minute Man' Rapid Response) for 23 years. He was also well known for many years as the guy washing pots and pans during the Lords Table meals at Sarah Jane UMC. Nelson was a good and decent man who lived all his life by The Golden Rule.

He is survived by daughter Virginia Dickey Ambrose and son-in-law Peter J. Ambrose of Hudson NY, daughter Patricia N. Dickey of Groton NY, granddaughters Abigail Ambrose, Susan Ambrose (Michael), and Margaret Ambrose (Eric), great grandsons Olin Ginn and Ryan Ginn, as well as nieces and nephews Kristina Brainard Register, David

Brainard, and Roger Brainard.



104th Field Artillery Battalion, Btys A & C

Robert (Bobby) J. Grossman, age 86, passed away Monday, July 2, 2007, after a brief illness.

Sgt. Grossman proudly served in the U.S. Army from 1939 through 1945, actively engaged in all major campaigns in the South Pacific.

Survived by nieces and nephews.



104th Field Artillery Regiment, then 249th Field Artillery Battalion

Albert S. Hodack, 87, formerly of Johnson City and Norwich, passed away Wednesday, February 10, 2010, at the New York State Veterans Home. He was born September 12, 1922 in Brooklyn, NY, a son of Stanley and Julianna Walsh Hodack. Growing up in Johnson City, he received his education in local schools.

He was a WWII veteran, who served as a forward observer with the US Army's 27th Division, 249th Field Artillery in the Pacific Theater of Operations on Guam, Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

On May 19, 1945, Albert married Eloise Harbst, who predeceased him in 1998.

Mr. Hodack was employed at the Norwich Upholstery Shop for many years.

Sharing his skills, he taught upholstery at B.O.C.E.S, and was a judo instructor. He was also an appliance sales associate at Montgomery Ward in Norwich and Johnson City until his retirement.

Albert's favorite hobbies included fishing, hunting and archery.

Surviving are his children: Daniel and Kathleen Hodack of Susquehanna, PA, Bonita Albright of Durham, NC, Albert, Jr. and Jeanne Hodack of Norwich, Raymond Hodack of Binghamton, Cynthia and Edward LaCorte of Sherburne; 14 grandchildren, Di-
anne (Eric) Schwartz, Daniel Hodack, Jr., Denise (Jeff) Medlar, Donald Hodack and Christa Radcliffe, David (Angela) Hodack, Kari Hodack and Josh Hawkins, David Stevenson II, Stephanie Lamkin, Kelly Albright and Marc Rosebeck, Jeremiah Hodack, Elijah Hodack, Jarred Hodack, Alexander LaCorte and Kelly LaCorte; and nine great-grandchildren, Owen, Daniel, Karli, Benjamin, Emily, Jacob, Jasmine, Ashley and Ashton.



104th Field Artillery Battalion, Bty F; then 106th Division

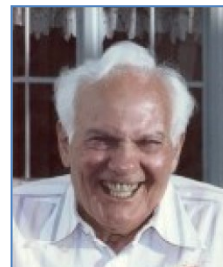
Charles Fredrick Jacelon was born in Queens, NY on Aug. 10, 1918 to Frank Owen and Irma Clausen Jacelon. He died in Leeds, Massachusetts on Monday, Oct. 6, 2014. He was 96 years old. Charlie was the sixth of seven children. He graduated from Richmond Hill High School in Queens, NY, and in 1977 earned an Associate Degree from Brookdale Community College, Lincroft, NJ. After high school, Charlie worked for the Guardian Life Insurance Company and served in the National Guard.

Once activated, Charlie served first in the Pacific and later in Europe. While stationed in California, he married Helen Evans (also from Queens) on May 30, 1942. Charlie, as part of the 106th Infantry Division

was transferred to Europe in the fall of 1943. On Dec. 23, 1943, he was captured by the Germans at the Battle of the Bulge, and became a Prisoner of War. He was liberated by the Allied Forces in March 1944 and spent 18 months in a Veteran's administration hospital recovering from the deprivations of his POW experience. Following WWII, Charlie returned home to his wife and children. He re-enlisted in the Army, and eventually received an honorable discharge following 20 years of active duty.

In 1958, they moved to Eatontown, NJ and Charlie taught at the Signal School at Fort Monmouth for the remainder of his active-duty career. Following discharge, Charlie worked for the government as a Civil Servant until 1978 when he retired.

He and Helen lived in Eatontown and were members of Red Bank United Methodist Church. Charlie and Helen enjoyed folk dancing, Married Couples Bible Class. Charlie and Helen enjoyed pleasure boating and entertained their family and friends on the Jacelon, their cabin cruiser. They spent many happy summers at the Molly Pitcher Marina, and boating on the Navesink River and at Horseshoe Cove on Sandy Hook. The Jacelon's were members of the Fort Yacht Club. Charlie served as Commodore.



104th Field Artillery Battalion, Bty B

Peter Julian of Endicott passed suddenly on July 5th, 2012.

Peter was a four-year veteran of World War II serving in the Pacific.

He joined the Carpenter's Union Local 281 and built highways, dams and houses in the area. Peter was a joy to know with his contagious smile, laughter, and wit, bringing it with him to his numerous family occasions.

He was important to all and he will be missed deeply. He was a cat lover, and took many into his home to give them better lives.

He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Rosalia; his son, Matthew; and special nephew and niece, Eddie and Debbie; great niece and nephew, Danielle and Jason Kolanda; sister, Adele Milito; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Vito and Jennie Camarda; sisters-in-law, Anna Pezzuti and Mary Julian; and many other nephews, nieces and cousins.



104th Field Artillery Battalion, Bty C

Lionel “Leo” R. Levac, 94, passed away peacefully at Coulee Medical Center, Tuesday, July 25, 2017, ending a courageous one-year effort to combat cancer. He was surrounded by his loving family. Born to Calise and Alice Levac in a farmhouse overlooking the Saint Lawrence River near Cornwall, Ontario, Canada, Leo was one of fourteen children. When he was six years old, his family immigrated to the United States and settled in Massena, NY.

Leo’s formative years were spent first in Catholic and later in public schools in Massena where he excelled at math and claims to have read every history book in the school library. As a young man, Leo served as an altar boy, worked on a farm and in a bakery prior to enlisting in the US Army on his 20th birthday.

He served in the Western Pacific from January 1943 until December 1945. After his military discharge, Leo returned home to New York. In 1946, he moved to Washington, initially to Seattle but within months relocated to the Coulee area. In August 1951, he met and married D. Mildred Crawford, and Grand Coulee became his home for sixty-six years.

Leo’s employment history in Washington includes driving taxi in Seattle and a laundry delivery van between Grand Coulee and Ephrata, working on the si-

phon and tunnel portion of the Columbia Basin Project near Coulee City. Later, Leo worked for the George Nolte Company pouring curbs and sidewalks in Coulee Dam and throughout the Pacific Northwest. He left the Nolte Company in 1972 to work for Vinnell-Dravo-Lockheed-Mannix on the Third Powerhouse. He retired in 1987 as Maintenance Supervisor for the Bureau of Reclamation.

Leo was a member of the Grand Coulee Dam Seniors Inc., served on the Grand Coulee City Council and as Commander of the local VFW. An avid golfer, Leo helped build and maintain the Banks Lake Golf Course. He also helped establish the gazebo and park area at North Dam and construct eagle roosts along the Columbia River.

Until recently, he enjoyed bowling three times a week and a daily workout at the fitness center.

He is survived by his daughters, Linda (Richard) Black, Grand Coulee; Pamela Levac, Chino, CA; Teresa (Mark) Nash, Spanaway, WA; his son Richard (Maureen) Barnes, Sudbury, Ontario, Canada; his sister Annette Rombough, Massena, NY; nine grandchildren; sixteen great grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; and many nieces and nephews.



104th Field Artillery Battalion, Service Bty & 27th Division HQ

Paul Eugene Mayer, AUS Retired, 97, passed away on March 22, 2015 at Bayonet Point Rehabilitation Center, Hudson, FL. He was born on July 25, 1917 in Glendale, NY to Paul E. and Irene (Eyer mann) Mayer.

Major Mayer was a member of the Greatest Generation serving in World War II Pacific Theater from 1940 to 1945 and continued his service in the NY National Guard and U.S. Army for another 29 years.

Major Mayer loved and served his family, his community, his country and his God. Volunteering was a major part of his entire life. He gave of his time freely to veterans' groups, community concert bands and the Boy Scouts. He was a vigilant blood donor to the Red Cross and is a charter member of the Elmont NY, Volunteer Fire Department Exempts Association.

He is survived by a daughter, Joan (Frank) of Macon, GA; and two sons, Paul (Barbara) of Trumbull, CT and John of Hudson, FL; and a loving friend, Maureen Doherty of Temple Terrace; eight grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; four nephews, John Lasher (Lucile) and Joseph Lasher (Wendy); Robert Mayer; Donald Mayer (Sandra) and a niece Florence Matuozzi (Carl).



740th AAA Battalion Bty D; 104th Field Artillery & 206th Engineer Battalions

Devere W. McRorie, 83, passed away peacefully December 5 at Lourdes Hospital. He was predeceased by his parents, Devere W. and Ruth (Bowen) McRorie. Devere was born in Endicott, he graduated from Union-Endicott High School and was soon inducted into the US Army stationed at Ft. Bliss, Texas.

He then joined the Air Force and was based in Foggia, Italy in the 740th AAA BN BTRY D 15th Air Force 461st B6765 BSQ. He flew as an engineer/gunner on the B24 "Liberator". Devere was in the Air Force Reserve and the NY Army National Guard

for many years, retired as a M/SGT 104th Artillery and 206 Engineer BNs.

Upon his return he married Theda Lucille Zurn November 7th 1945. He was a mason contractor with his father, owners of McRorie and Son plastering and stucco. Devere then went to work for the NY State Industrial Division of Safety. When the US Department of Labor started the OSHA Division, he became a safety specialist compliance officer for 15 years until his retirement.

Upon retiring he and his wife, Theda, spent their summers in Campville, N.Y. and their winters in Ormond Beach, FL. Devere and Theda moved to Castle Gardens, Vestal, NY in 2003 where they were well taken care of and met many new friends. Devere was a lifetime member of the American Legion Post 82, VFW Post 1149, National Association of Retired Federal Employees, National Association for Uniform Service 461st Bomb Group H, VFW National Home. Devere was also a member of the WW2 Memorial, The Statesman Club, 27th Division Association Post 11, Sons of the American Legion Post 82, DAV Commanders Club, NRA, Glen Curtis Flyers Association, and of course Trout Unlimited.

He is survived by his daughter, Lucinda R. McRorie, Daytona Beach, Fla.; and his sister, Monna-Maree "Peaches" Toler, Suffolk, VA; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews and great-great-nieces and nephews; also surviving are his niece, Sherri (Tom) Hynes; and good friend, Lisa (Tim) Linehan and family who provided for his care.



104th Field Artillery Battalion, Bty C

Francis J. Mullen, of Baldwin, passed away on October 23, 2008.

Proud WWII Army Veteran serving in the Pacific Theater with the 27th Division, 104th Field Artillery Battalion.

Retired 30-year member of the Nassau County Police Dept.

Loving father of Dennis, Terrence (Joanne), Kevin, Mary Ellen Fleming (Robert) and the late Timothy. Cherished grandfather of Tara, Terrence and Dennis. Dear brother of Robert.



104th Field Artillery Battalion, Bty A

Arthur R. Myer passed away on 18 August, 2021



104th Field Artillery Regiment, Medical Detachment

Rodger B. Saville, passed away on 03 March, 2001.

US Army, PFC, World War II.



104th Field Artillery Regiment, HHB; then 249th Field Artillery Battalion

Robert W. Smith, 88, peacefully entered eternity on Friday (January 20, 2012) at the Wayne County

Nursing Home. Mr. Smith was born the son of the late Joseph and Goldie Mae (Rosette) Smith on Thursday, July 12, 1923 in Columbus, Ohio.

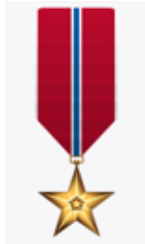
At the age 17 he enlisted in the U.S. Army and became a Sergeant with the 27th infantry Division and engaged in the battles for Makin, Saipan, New Hebrides and Okinawa. In July of 1944 he survived the largest Japanese "Banzai" charge of WWII on the island of Saipan, during which over 900 men in his regiment gave their life for our country. Mr. Smith was awarded the Bronze Star and Conspicuous Service Cross for combat valor during the Saipan campaign.

After his discharge from the Army in 1945, Mr. Smith went to work for the NY Telephone Co. where he was employed until his retirement in 1982.

He was a life member of the Newark VFW and Masonic Lodge and was an avid hunter, fisherman and card player.

Mr. Smith will be remembered by his loving and devoted wife of 61 years Doris (Wunder) Smith; son Tom (Debbie) Smith of Newark; daughter Susan DeYulio of Geneva, grandson Navy LT. Brian (Laurie) Smith of Anacortes, Wash.; brother Harold of Syracuse; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law Janet Wunder, Alice (Roger) Fox, Shirley (Lloyd) Howell and Isabel Smith; numerous nieces and nephews; many, many longtime friends.





104th Field Artillery Battalion, Bty E

Henry P. Varca, Sr., passed away on 20 May, 2005.

US Army, Sgt., World War II



104th Field Artillery Battalion & 204th Engineer Battalion

Richard (Dick) F. Zeboris, 76, passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 11, 2012 at Lourdes Hospital.

He was a retired Lt. Col. from the U.S. Army; and member of the Disabled American Veterans and the American Legion.

He is survived by four children, William, Richard, Marie and Jennifer; his brother and sister-in-law, Edward & Julia Zeboris, of Hurley, NY; two sisters and

a brother-in-law, Mary Ann & Darryl Lee, of Maine, NY, and Jean Zeboris, of Binghamton; also, several nephews and their families. Dick was also an avid fan of horse racing.



“We sleep peaceably in our beds at night only because rough men stand ready to do violence on our behalf.”

George Orwell



105th Field Artillery Ils Ne Passeront Pas”— “They Shall Not Pass”



105th Field Artillery Battalion, HHB

Donald F. Bulger, 93, of Lincoln Park, passed away peacefully at home on August 11, 2012. Donald was born in New York City to Edward and Mary Bulger.

He proudly served in the US Army during World War II where he earned two Silver Star Medals for his heroism in combat. He was the oldest living veteran member of the American Legion in Lincoln Park.

Donald is survived by his wife, Lillian, his daughters, Linda Bell and her husband Herb, Maryanne Bulger, Terri Louzan and her husband Billy, and Carolyn Pokrywka and her husband Michael, his grandchildren, Melinda Faigenbaum and her husband Matt, Christopher Bell and his wife Kristin, Bryan Bell, Michael Pokrywka and Cara Pokrywka; and his great grandsons, Ian Faigenbaum and Braeden Bell.



105th Field Artillery Battalion, Service Bty

Ralph "Ruby" Feller was born in Hurleyville, son of Harry and Sarah Feller. Ralph moved to Monticello at 2 years of age and spent most of his life there. He was a graduate of Monticello High School.

A WWII Veteran he served in Europe, African, Middle Eastern and Asian campaigns.

He was the owner of Fellers' Refuse Service.

He was very active in the VFW, American Legion, and Jewish War Veterans. He was also a member of BPOE #1544, Honorary Member of Bear Paw Hunting Club and delivered Meals on Wheels until he was 89. He always said "someone has to take care of the old people."

He is survived by son, Alfred (Sally), daughter-in-law, Barbara, sister Miriam Feller, three grandchildren, David Feller, Sara (Steve) Kozachuk, Laura King (James Nicolliello) and great grandchildren, Katelyn, Justin, Jacob, and Hunter; and several nieces and nephews.



105th Field Artillery Battalion, HHB

Thomas J. Galvin, of Baldwin, NY (formerly of Brick, N.J. & Brooklyn, NY) on August 29, 2010.

United States Army WWII Decorated Veteran and Purple Heart recipient, 30-year member US Army National Guard. Retired Army Reserve Major.

Retired NYC Sanitation Officer.

Dear brother of John (Nora) and the late Andrew, James and Margaret Tripptree. Known as Uncle Tommy to his many loving nieces and nephews and was good friend to all who knew him.



105th Field Artillery Battalion, Bty A

Frank M. Standarski Sr., 92, of Wynantskill, died Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at Evergreen Commons. Born in Cohoes, he was the son of the late John Standarski and Berniece Stanaszek Standarski and husband of the late Jeanne Tilley Standarski who died June 30, 2007.

Raised in Cohoes, Frank moved to Wynantskill in 1948.

Before military service he worked with the Civilian Conservation Corps for several years in many areas of the United States.

He was a veteran who served with the Army's 105th Field Artillery, 27th Division during World War II, receiving a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star for action in Saipan.

He was a paper tender for the Mohawk Paper Mills in Cohoes for 37 years, retiring in 1983.

He was a former member of the VFW Wynantskill Post. Frank enjoyed flower and vegetable gardening and fishing.

Survivors include his children, Jeanne A. Coseo (John) Gansevoort, Frank M. Standarski Jr. of Wynantskill and Susan M. Cummings (Edward) of East Greenbush; beloved grandfather of Amy L. Coseo of MT and Kate Coseo (Marty Maines) of Alaska; and a sister, Mary Geleta (Leo) of Baltimore, MD.

105th Field Artillery Battalion, HHB

Ralph Henry Thode, 89, of Lakes of Litchfield died Monday, October 19, 2009 at Waccamaw Community Hospital. Born February 15, 1920 in New York City, N.Y., he was the son of the late Henry and Hazel Thode.

Mr. Thode was a World War II, U.S. Army retired veteran.

He was also a retired computer programmer and a longtime member of Belin Memorial United Methodist Church.

Surviving is his wife, Eunice Thode of Pawleys Island; son, Ralph H. Thode Jr. of Haymarket, Va.; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.



105th Field Artillery Regiment, 2d Battalion, HHB, then 49th Field Artillery Battalion, 7th Division

William (Bill) Patrick Woolsey, long time resident of Carmel, WWII Veteran, Assistant Postmaster and co-founder of Carmel Little League, passed away at home with his family on Friday, January 6, 2006. Born the son of Claude and Mary Josephine Woolsey on April 15, 1914 in New York City, Bill grew up in the Bronx.

In 1937, Bill joined the 105th Field Artillery of the 27th Division of the New York National Guard.

The division was inducted into the regular U.S. Army on Oct. 15, 1940 where he attained the rank of First Sergeant. In April 1943, he was commissioned Second Lieutenant at Fort Sill and was also stationed at Fort McClellan, Fort Ord and Schofield Barracks. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, Bill's division was summoned from Fort Ord to the island of Kauai where it was believed the Japanese would return for another invasion. Woolsey was placed in charge of a special section to make the first official map of the island. This was determined to be integral to the evacuation plan to protect civilians. It was one of Bill's proudest accomplishments while serving in the U.S. Army. Later in WWII Bill fought in the Marshall, Aleutian Islands, and battle for in the liberation of the Philippines. He was assigned to the 49th Field Artillery, 7th Infantry Division when wounded at Leyte, Philippines. Upon being wounded in combat, Bill was honorably discharged and retired from the U.S. Army in July 1946 as a Captain. Captain Woolsey was decorated for his bravery and valor with the Silver Star, Purple Heart, American Defense, Asiatic-Pacific with three battle stars, Philippine Liberation with two bronze stars, American Campaign and World War II Victory Medals. As well as, the Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation and New York State Conspicuous Service Medal.

In his civilian life Bill was known around Carmel as S.O.B (Sweet Ol' Bill) and worked for the Post Office for 25 years serving the last 14 years as the Assistant Postmaster.

As an active member in the community, Bill was the first President of the Carmel Little League which he co-founded in 1956 with fellow Carmelites Jack Miller, Ralph Thompson, Ken Bennett, Howard Bucquet, Bob (Hutch) Hutchinson and Van King. He was an active member of the Carmel Mission Basilica, Disabled American Veterans, American Legion Post 512 where he served as Official Chaplain and past Grand Knight of Knights of Columbus.

Bill had many passions in life but none greater than his church, patriotism and his love of baseball. He was a historian at heart who was very knowledgeable of his Irish heritage and family lineage. In true American fashion, Bill was extremely proud to have

served his country in war and was a genuine patriot. Although he came west before the New York Giants, he often joked that he followed the team he rooted for since his childhood.

Bill is survived by three daughters, Judy Saleen (Bob), Patricia Woolsey-Sprinkle (Duncan) and Mary Jo Rose (Dan), Grandchildren Kelly Merrill, Traci Woolsey-LaFontaine, Tori Woolsey-Morales, Shauna Sosnowski, Aaron Sosnowski, Kyle Diaz-Woolsey, Jeff Saleen (Julie), Patrick Saleen (Wendy). Great-Grandchildren Brandon Morales, Angele Rivera, Veronica Richards, Nicholas, Alexander, Taylor and Allyson Saleen and many loving nieces and nephews.

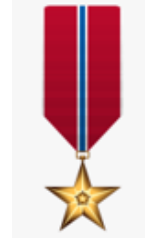
“The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the Veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation.”

George Washington





106th Field Artillery



106th Field Artillery Battalion, 74th, and 174th Infantry

Donald G. Barnes, Sr. passed away on September 30, 2011.

Mr. Barnes was a proud member of over 40 years of service in the National Guard of the 74th and the 174th and the 106th Veterans.

Beloved husband of the late Maryann (Wagner) Barnes; dearest father of Donald G. (Karen) Barnes, Jr., Deborah (Kenneth) Heckler; loving grandfather of Andrew, Nicholas, Jeromy, Nicole and Matthew; brother-in-law of Jack (Mary Ellen) Wagner; uncle of John Wagner.

[I spent many hours talking to Don in the 74th/174th Veterans Club at Connecticut Street Armory, he was a wealth of knowledge about the units in the Buffalo area. He was also heavily involved with the General Brock room of the 106th Field Artillery Association at the Masten Avenue Armory. Editor]

106th Field Artillery Battalion

John T. Barton, 84, a retired insurance executive and decorated combat veteran, died Thursday (Aug. 14, 2003) in Buffalo General Hospital after a short illness.

He was a graduate of Bennett High School and the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Finance and Commerce. He was president of the University of Pennsylvania Alumni Association of Western New York.

His military service was extensive. His National Guard unit, the 27th Division, was called into federal service a year before the U.S. entered World War II. He was a second lieutenant when he left Buffalo in 1940 and a lieutenant colonel and unit commander when he returned five years later. Barton and his artillery battalion participated in the Battles of Saipan, Tinian, and Okinawa. He won the Bronze Star for meritorious service in the Battle of Okinawa and was promoted to Major by Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

His corporation handled business insurance, employee benefits and estate conservation and represented many companies, including Prudential and American Capital.

He was president of the Niagara Falls Underwriters Association and the Buffalo Chapter of Chartered Life Underwriters. He was a life member of the Million-Dollar Round Table.

Barton was a past commander of the Lorenzo Burrows Post, American Legion. He was president of the Central Park Association and was chairman of many annual ice shows of the Buffalo Skating Club.

In recent years, he drove cancer patients undergoing treatment to and from Roswell Park Cancer Institute and was an American Red Cross volunteer.

He was active in Catholic Charities at St. Mark's and was a volunteer lector at Blessed Sacrament Church. Survivors include seven daughters, Melissa Thompson, Jennifer Oexle, Michaela Barton and Mave Milligan, all of Buffalo, Deirdre Barton of Arrowsic, ME, Cynthia Keil of Washington, DC, and Belinda Barton of Dodgeville, WI; a sister, Sister Helen Barton of Clarence; two brothers, Richard of Snyder and James of Cadillac, MI; and 16 grandchildren.

106th Field Artillery Battalion

Eugene S. Idziak of St. Petersburg, FL, formerly of Cheektowaga, NY, died peacefully on August 7, 2013 after a long illness, beloved husband of Joanne C. (nee Janicki).



106th Field Artillery Battalion

George P. Lucas passed away on April 2, 2012.

Beloved husband of Marie (Gentile); dear father of Diane (James) Pace and Kathleen (Richard) Bugman and the late George Lucas Jr.; loving grandfather of Patrick, Ricky, Julie, Jill and Jenna; great grandfather of Kaylee; brother-in-law of Carol Zawislak.

George was a member of the D.A.V. Chapter #203, Past Commander American Legion Post #721, V.F.W. Harvey D. Morin Post, Erie County American Legion Auxiliary, Father Baker K of C Council, President of the Sr. Knights 4th Degree Msgr. Toomey Assembly, former Boy Scout Master Troop #128 and #271, Advancement Chairman Pact 60, 106th Veterans Assoc. Past President and various other organizations.

106th Field Artillery Battalion, HQ Bty

Alfred C. Myers, Jr. of Lancaster, NY, passed away on November 10, 2002 .

Mr. Myers was a WW II Veteran of the Army and a member of the Masons for over 50 years.

Beloved husband of the late Bernadine J. (Devonshire) Myers; dear father of Evelyn (James) Pruchnowski, Elizabeth (David) Dillon, Johanna (Vincent) Metauro, Alfred C. Myers III; great-grandfather of Owen Pruchnowski, Vincenzo and Breanna Metauro; brother of Edith and Laura; survived by nieces and nephews.

106th Field Artillery Battalion & 174th Infantry Regiment

Harry F. Peasland of Buffalo, NY, passed away on December 23, 2014.

Harry was a proud member of the 174th Infantry Regiment at the Connecticut Street Armory.

Loving father of David (Mary Lou) Peasland; cherished grandfather of Erik Peasland.

106th Field Artillery Battalion

Donald R. Reed, Sr., Age 83, of the Town of Wheatfield, passed away on September 1, 2012, following a brief illness and surrounded by his family.

Donald had served in the Army National Guard.

He had retired from Niagara Mohawk after 35 years of service. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellow's, Kenmore Fidelity #795, the Niagara County Sportsmen's Club and St. Peter's United Church of Christ.

He was the husband of the late Eileen Reed; beloved father of Donald (Linda) Reed of Cambria, Kathleen (Keith) Dixon of Wilson; father-in-law of Marianne Reed of Williamsville; grandfather of Joel (Jennifer) Reed, Jaimee (Nathan) Seibel, Derek (Cassandra) Dixon, Stephanie (Scott) Wilson, John Paul (Elizabeth) Reed, Andrew Reed and Gregory Reed; great-grandfather of Joel Jr., Piper and Casey Reed and Ty Wilson; brother of Florence Goehle of South Carolina; uncle of several nieces and nephews; dear friend of Marie Tice.

106th Field Artillery Battalion

Herbert R. Rothenmeyer passed away on June 10, 2004, of Clarence, NY, age 91.

Beloved husband of the late Beth L. (Weinauge) Rothenmeyer; loving mother of Jon E. Rothenmeyer of Clarence and William H. (Barbara) Rothenmeyer of Littleton, CO; dear grandfather of Mark and Kent; brother of Robert (Carolyn) Rothenmeyer, Roberta Dingwall.



106th Field Artillery Battalion, Service Bty

Michael B. Ventrone, 94, of Syracuse, passed away Sunday at his home. A life resident of Syracuse, Michael was a communicant of St. James Church, where he was a member of the Altar and Rosary Societies and also an usher. He was a member of the 4th degree Knights of Columbus, the DAU Chapter 30, and he also was a life member of the VFW in Solvay.

Mr. Ventrone was a veteran of the United States Army, serving our country during WWII.

Surviving are his loving wife of 64 years, the former Antoinette Vita of Syracuse; one son, Michael Ventrone of Syracuse; one daughter, Arlene (Bill) Russell of Syracuse; and one sister, Lena Cerio of Syracuse.

Mount Tapotachau
Kakazu Pocket
Banzai Charge
Purple Heart Ridge
Death Valley
Rotation Ridge
The Pinnacle
Fort Slotsenburg
Tarlac
Clark Field
Aslito Field
Ryan's Ridge
Item Pocket
Machinato Airfield



249th Field Artillery



249th Field Artillery Battalion, Bty B

John Basos of Binghamton, age 91, beloved father, brother, grandfather (great) fell asleep in the Lord on May 20, 2013. John was born on January 22, 1922 in Dara, Czechoslovakia.

He was an Army veteran of WWII serving with Battery B, 249 Field Artillery Battalion in the Pacific Theatre.

John was a former supervisor for the E. H. Titchener, retiring after 39 years of service. He was a former chief of the West Windsor Fire Department

He is survived by his son, David Basos (Lanette); grandchildren, Nichole, Jeremy, Heather, Lindsey and Ashley; several great-grandchildren; two brothers, George Basos of Owego and William Basos of Vestal; his sister, Helen Hritckoof Endwell; and several nieces and nephews.



249th Field Artillery Battalion, Bty C

Lawrence J. Casey, 84, of Binghamton, formerly of Brackney, PA, died Tuesday, December 17, 2013.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran of World War II and served in the U.S. Army National Guard for 30 years. He was a graduate of Command & General Staff College and past Commander of American Legion Post 1227.

Larry was a retired Division Manager for American Home Foods. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Peter T. Campon Council 206 and the 4th Degree Assembly, and a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Nancy McDonough Casey; his children, Lawrence and Ellen Casey Jr., John and Michele Casey, Patrick Casey, Mary and John Constantine, Paul Casey; six grandchildren, Michael, Matthew, Allison, Timothy, Katie, Kyle; three great-grandchildren, Michael, Bryan, Logan; a sister, Bernice DeGroat; several nieces and nephews.



249th Field Artillery, Service Bty

Marvin Neepor Carnell, passed away on 09 May, 2008.

249th Field Artillery Battalion, Bty B

Hillis Dille Jr., born on the 26th of May, 1924 to Ella Mae and Hillis J. Dille, died Wednesday afternoon. Hillis was 81 and died at home from an ongoing illness while surrounded by family.

Hillis joined the Army in 1940 and fought for his country in the in the South Pacific where he received a commendation for heroic meritorious achievement. He was honorably discharged in 1945.

Hillis had a great love for the outdoors and had a special way of sharing that appreciation with others.

Hillis is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Wandi. He is also survived by his sister, Wanda Miller; his son, Jack and wife, Valeri; their six children; his daughter, Jill; and her son, Christian.



249th Field Artillery Battalion, Bty B

Adolph F. Gavlik, age 82, Inverness, died August 30, 2012 at Hospice of Citrus County House in Lecanto. Adolph was born on July 19, 19309 in Binghamton, NY to the late Frank and Elizabeth (Mikeska) Gavlik.

He served our country in the United States Army, retiring with the rank of Sergeant. Adolph was a member of VFW #4337 of Inverness and DAV #70.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Gloria

Gavlik; sons George J. (Deborah) Gavlik, Katy, TX and Allan F. Gavlik, Warner Robbins, GA; two grandchildren, two great grandchildren; his sisters Mary Brhel and Virginia McCormick.



249th Field Artillery Battalion, Bty A

William James Glisson, 90, of Dewitt, went peacefully home to the Lord on Saturday, April 16 after a long illness.

A graduate of Solvay High School, and a veteran of the U.S. Army who served in the Pacific in World War II.

Bill worked for the New York Telephone Company (AT&T) for 36 years.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Josephine Caffrey, and by seven sons Thomas (Peg) of Rochester, NY; James of Fayetteville, NY; John (Marian) of Jamesville, NY; Edward (Katherine) of Congers, NY; Joseph (Linda) of Jamesville, NY; Robert (Susan) of Syracuse, NY; and Timothy (Melissa) of DeRyder, NY., twenty-eight grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

249th Field Artillery Battalion

Joseph F. Podrazil Sr., of Johnson City, 88 years, passed away after a courageous battle with cancer on Sunday afternoon, May 27, 2012.

He was an Army veteran of WWII, fighting in the battles of Okinawa and Saipan.

He was a retired butcher for Loblaws/Great American Food Stores.

He is survived by his son, Joseph F. Podrazil Jr. of Johnson City; his brother, John Podrazil of Johnson City; nieces and nephews.



249th Field Artillery Battalion, HHB

Nelson O. Prouty, 90, died Jan. 21, 2007, in Bradenton.

He was a veteran of WWII, a member of the Florida National Guard, as well as the Reserve Officers Association and the National Association of Letter Carriers.

He retired from the United States Postal Service.

Survivors include son, Ronald Prouty, of Bradenton; daughter, Kathy Ann Truex, of Orlando; brother, Paul B. Prouty, and sister, Arlene Brown, both of Phoenix, NY; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



249th Field Artillery Battalion, Btys A & C

Louis Turilli was born on July 3, 1915 and passed away on Friday, August 26, 2016. Louis was a resident of East Moline, Illinois at the time of passing.

Louis was married to Osvalda.



249th Field Artillery Battalion

Bernard Hunter White of The Quadrangle, Haverford, PA died peacefully on December 7, 2006, at the age of 92.

Beloved husband of Frances Salmon White and devoted father to Valerie White of Haverford, Barbara W. Waterman of Ramsey, NJ and Carolyn White-Lesieur of Paris, France. He is also survived by 5 grandchildren, Elizabeth and Hunter Waterman and Jonathan, Nicholas and Geraldine Lesieur.



249th Field Artillery Battalion, Bty. A

Leigh. R. Wilson, passed away on 28 November, 2004.



249th Field Artillery Battalion, HHB, A, & C Btys; 27th Division, Signal Co; & 152d Engineer Battalion, Co C

Clark R. Wright, 79, of McGraw, NY, passed away Tuesday at the Crown Center Nursing Home in Cortland. He was born in East Syracuse and had resided in McGraw for 35 years.

Clark retired in 1994 from Smith-Corona as a payroll accountant after 30 years.

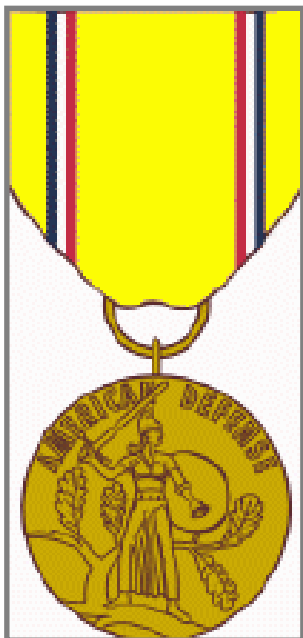
He served with the NY National Guard for 35 years retiring in 1984.

He was a former member of the East Syracuse Fire Dept., the Preble Fire Dept., IMC and the Emmanuel Episcopal Church in East Syracuse.

Clark is survived by his daughter, Lauren Wright of McGraw; his son, Leslie of Eureka, CA; two brothers, Robert of East Syracuse, Otto of Syracuse; several nieces, nephews and a friend, Susan Gerni of Syracuse.

“The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him.”

G.K. Chesterton



“We remember those who were called upon to give all a person can give, and we remember those who were prepared to make that sacrifice if it were demanded of them in the line of duty, though it never was. Most of all, we remember the devotion and gallantry with which all of them ennobled their nation as they became champions of a noble cause.”

Ronald Reagan

Field Artillery (All other units)



156th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Battalion

Hugo J. Dubaldi, a lifetime resident of the Newburgh and New Windsor area, died peacefully on Friday, January 9, 2009 at the Hudson Valley Healthcare System at Montrose, NY. He was 89.

Hugo was born in Newburgh on November 19, 1919, the son of the late Guiseppe and Josephine Dubaldi. On October 21, 1945 he married Louise A. Quintiliani in Marlboro, NY.

He was the owner and operator of Hugo J. Dubaldi Trucking, retiring in the 1980's.

He proudly served in the U.S. Army during WW II and was a member of the American Legion.

He was a past member of the Newburgh Lions Club, William Street Social Club, Osiris Country Club and St. Francis of Assisi Church in Newburgh, and Newburgh Country Club. He was an avid golfer and NY Giants and Yankee fan. Hugo was a devoted husband, father and grandfather who will be dearly missed.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Louise at home; daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Harold Blake of Hopewell Junction, NY; grandchildren, Jason M. Recio of Atlanta, GA and Stephanie M. Blake of Boston, MA; brother, Anthony Dubaldi, and several nieces and nephews.

Weikko Jussila passed away on 25 October, 2001.

He served with the 27th Field artillery in the Pacific Theatre of war and took part in the campaigns at Eniwetok, the Marianas Islands, the Marshall Islands and Okinawa. Altogether, he served 42 1/2 months overseas. Weikko was discharged from the service on October 8, 1945, at Fort Logan, Colorado, and is now employed in the Coal Company Store Department at Hanna. (UPCCEM, June 1946) [*This was from a biographical statement at his former employer. No obituary was available.*]

Association Auxiliary

Josephine S. Amico, 87, of Pittston, died Sunday at Wesley Village, Jenkins Township.

Born Nov. 27, 1916, in Pittston, she was a daughter of the late Salvatore and Maria (Perella) Ipolito. She attended Pittston schools and was a lifelong resident of Pittston.

Surviving are her husband of 63 years, Joseph S. Amico; son, Cataldo Amico and his wife Noreen, Pittston; daughter, Josephine and her husband, Joseph F. Fahey, Pittston; grandchildren, Joseph and Lisa Amico, Natalie and Edward F. Hart III, Rochelle and Joseph Lynn, Patricia Amico, Joseph P. and Gia Fahey; great-grandchildren, Edward F. Hart IV, Alexandra Marie Hart, Emma Kylie Hart, Jillian Elizabeth Lynn, Jessica Christina Amico; sister, Rose Medico, of West Pittston; several nieces and nephews; great-nieces and great-nephews.



Loretta Barnaskey, Scarsdale, NY passed away peacefully on the evening of June 2nd, 2019. She is the daughter of Orsino Zulli and Rose Vinci-Zulli. Her late husband John M Barnaskey passed away in July of 1989; she did not re-marry, and has now reunited with her husband. Loretta was a true American patriot; she lived her life for God and country and many of the details of her life are iconic. She was born in Eastchester in June of 1923 and graduated from Eastchester High School in 1941.

During WWII, Loretta's then fiancé, John M Barnaskey fought for the US Army in the 104th Field Artillery Battalion, fighting in the South Pacific.

While her future husband was overseas, Loretta worked at the GM plant in Tarrytown for three years, working to assemble the cockpit of the Navy's Avenger fighter plane. It was this experience where she received the title of Rosie the Riveter. She prided herself on this achievement, and is recognized as an official Rosie the Riveter by their museum in Richmond, California.

In 1953, Loretta joined the American Legion Auxiliary and remained a member until the day she died. She was a member for over 60 years, and held posts as President, County President and many other positions.

She was also the founding president of the North End Hook and Ladder Company #2 Auxiliary for several years in the mid-1950's. She worked as a parking enforcement officer for the town of Eastchester for approximately 20 years, referring to herself proudly as Eastchester's "First Nasty Ol' Meter-Maid". She absolutely loved working for the police force.

In retirement, Loretta helped to found a veterans clothing store at the FDR VA Hospital in Montrose, NY which opened in 1994. A computer printout from the store's inception in 1994 to 2013 states that the total hours she worked in that 19-yr period was 14,751 hours. Loretta was a stalwart supporter of whatever organization she was involved with, loved her family as much as anyone can possibly love their family, and she led by example.

She is survived by her daughter Marcia Villiere and son-in-law George Villiere and his two children; grandson Robert Pawlings and his wife Joanna-Levine Pawlings, along with their twin sons Mikah and Jonah.

Other surviving members of her immediate family include her youngest brother Lou Zulli and his wife Liza, Lou's first wife Virginia Milano and their children: Stephen, Lara, Peter, and Dawn; her nephew Baron Bianco and his wife Cora; his sister Ginger Walser and her daughter Amber Lee; both of her nieces: Karen Landry, her husband James and their four children (SC); Cindy Ochs and her husband William, and their two children (MD). She is also survived by a niece and nephew: Ed Staebler and his sister Susan Coyle, along with their immediate families (NY); her niece Sherry Herman and her husband Ed, along with their two sons (NV).



Mary J. Cavallaro, 94, passed away on April 10, 2018. She was born on May 17, 1923 and was predeceased by her husband, Nicholas J. Cavallaro to whom she was married for 63 years [*Nicholas was a Past National Commander of the 27th DA*].

Mary began working at a very young age in a garment factory that produced slacks and was employed there during and after World War II. She later became a loyal employee of General Electric in Westover and retired from there after 26 years of service.

Mary is survived by a daughter, Marie A. Cavallaro of Salisbury, Maryland, a son, Nicholas A. Cavallaro of Houston, Texas, a grandson, Ian N. Quillen of Baltimore, Maryland and several nieces and nephews living throughout the United States.



Helen J. Beauchamp, age 94, of Catherine Street, Mohawk, New York, passed away on Sunday afternoon, May 31, 2020, in the comfort of her home, with her loving family prayerfully at her side. She was born on September 16, 1925, in Herkimer, New York, a daughter of the late Albert and Antonie (Dlouha) Tresohlavy. She was educated in St. Francis de Sales Catholic School and graduated from Herkimer High School, 'Class of 1943.' Helen had been a longtime resident of Herkimer, having moved to Mohawk in 1957.

After raising six children, Helen worked as a secretary and receptionist and later as a school bus driver before her retirement in 1987. We fondly reflect upon stories of her driving for children attending Notre Dame and the Ilion Catholic School.

Her marriage to Norman W. Beauchamp took place on September 16, 1946, at St. Francis de Sales Church, in Herkimer. [*Norman was a Past National Commander of the 27th DA.*]



Louise V. Criscione, 100, of Latham, beloved wife of the late George M. Criscione Sr., passed away peacefully on Sunday March 17, 2019 with her beloved family at her side. Born on March 4, 1919 in Rutland Vermont, she was the daughter of the late Michael and Theresa D'Aniello Valenty. She married George on January 16, 1948 in Bennington, VT and the two shared a blessed and cherished union of 49 years of marriage before his passing on June 28, 1997.

Louise was a Dental Assistant for 5 years at the Watervliet Arsenal in Watervliet. She was in the 27th Division Auxiliary where she served twice as National President, was PTA President for Latham School and was also a communicant of St. Ambrose Church where she was a member of the Altar Rosary Society and Young at Heart.

She is survived by her loving children; Mary Therese (Tim) Lester, George (Teri) Criscione Esther Criscione Jr., Louann Cronk and Manny (Judy) Criscione, sisters Esther Coleman grandchildren Coleman and Emily (Joe) Presbyto as well as her cherished grandchildren Adam (Robin), Erin (Nina), Tera (Nick), Phil (Nicole), Colin (Natalie), Nicole (Len) and 10 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her special friends from Hearthstone Village Patty, Todd and Marty.

[Louise was wonderful to me in the years leading up to my assuming the post of National Commander and especially at the Buffalo Reunion. Ed.]



Mary Alice Dernberger passed away on Monday, June 25, 2012, at Chapel Grove Inn in Heath. She was born February 6, 1925, in Union Township, Licking County, to the late Charles Worthington and Ethel Julia (Sharer) Slater. She was a 1942 graduate of Hebron High School where she was a member of the first marching band. Mary Alice attended The Ohio State University where she was a member of the Women's Glee Club.

Mary Alice was retired from the Hebron and Lakewood school districts where she had been a school bus driver for 16 years. She had formerly been employed at H.L. Art Jewelers in Newark, the Officer's Club, Columbus Army Service Forces Depot and Slater's Filling Station.

She enjoyed gardening and was also a member of

the Hebron Junior 4-H Flower Club, was a charter member of the Hebron Junior Women's Club and was past president of the Mutual and Civic Improvement Club where she arranged for the "Ohio Flower Bed" in Canal Park.

A very patriotic person, Mary Alice was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Hebron Historical Society, and the Hetuck Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She is survived by three sons, David Slater (Vivian) Dernberger of Hebron, Ralph Edwin "Buddy" (Judy) Dernberger of Alexandria and John Peter (Kimberly) Dernberger of Newark; daughter, Sara Ruth Dernberger of Newark; six grandchildren, David S. Dernberger II, Angela K. (Matt) Cornett, Hannah Thompson, Austin S. Dernberger, Lindsay A. Dernberger and Evan R. Dernberger; three great-grandchildren, Kaycee Dernberger, Wesley and Wyatt Cornett; sisters-in-law, Mary Sue Slater of Millersport and Anne Slater of Hebron; and nieces and nephews. *[Her husband Ralph served with the HHC of 27th Special Troops Battalion in WWII.]*



Lia Eich, 86, Venice, died November 2, 2006. She was born March 13, 1920, in New York City and came to Venice 23 years ago from Carmel, NY. She graduated from the College of the City of New York.

She was an assistant supervisor at the Department of Motor Vehicles in New York for 21 years and a member of C.S.E.A. Chapter 1000.

She was a member of American Legion Post 159 Auxiliary, VFW Post 8118 Auxiliary, and Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, all in Venice.

Survivors include a son, Jon W. of State College, Pa.; a brother, Peter Arabia of Yonkers, NY; and sister, Nancy Abbamonte of Yonkers.



Cora Jean Bonesteel Hoffay, 92, died peacefully at home on Thursday, September 15, 2016, surrounded by her family. Born on February 14, 1924, in Troy, she was the daughter of the late Millard and Adellia King Bonesteel. Cora grew up at Snyders Corners and graduated from Averill Park High School in 1942.

Before marrying Richard in 1945, she worked as a secretary for Faith Mills in Averill Park then as a secretary and bookkeeper for Montgomery Ward in Menands. Shortly after they were married, Cora and Richard began building Hoffay Farms on Sheer Road in West Sand Lake. Alongside Richard, Cora became a farmer in every way, feeding animals, milking cows and even driving tractor on occasion. She was also the farm's secretary, banker, bookkeeper and tax preparer, and doing all this while being a full-time housewife and raising five children.

Cora reared her five kids through multiple 4-H projects and was a 4-H leader. She also taught quilting at the Rensselaer Senior Center and for the last several years has knitted dozens of mittens for needy children in the Averill Park School District, Trinity Lutheran Church and St. Jude's Church. Cora's other volunteer contributions include, being a delegate to Easter Milk Producers statewide meetings, board member of Farmer's Home Loan Association, Sand Lake Town Planning Board, Rensselaer County Co-operative Extension and Rensselaer County Home Bureau.

She is survived by her sons, William H. Hoffay and Robert D. (Janet) Hoffay, both of West Sand Lake; her daughter, Martha Hoffay (Peter)Plante of Wal-

nut Creek, Calif.; and son-in-law James A. Gaylord of Delanson. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Richard Gaylord, Jennifer Gaylord (James) Daly, Erin Hoffay, Richard (Laura) Hoffay, Megan Hoffay, Nicole Hoffay and Dena Whitesell (Adam) Vogt plus seven great-grandchildren.

Caroline Anna Kelsch, of Saratoga Lake, died on Saturday, November 24, 2007 at Saratoga Hospital. Born on October 9, 1920 in Albany, she was the only daughter of the late Wilhelmina and Albert Beil.

Mrs. Kelsch was a long line service representative for AT&T for 35 years and was active in retirement as a coordinator of the Telephone Pioneers organization.

She was an avid backyard birdwatcher; she loved to draw, crochet afghans, knit mittens, play her piano, do crossword puzzles, and watch the sun and moon rise over Saratoga Lake.

She is survived by her nieces and nephews, Patricia Figliozzi of Clifton Park and Barbara McLean of Goleta, CA, James Beil of Guilderland, William Beil of Victor, MT, and Albert Beil of Las Vegas, NV; and their children, Jennifer, Andrew, Brett, and Jason Figliozzi, Kimberly and Kirsten Beil, Kate, Robin and Robert McLean, and Dustin Beil. She is also survived by her husband's family.

Madeline Klammer, 92, of Old Bridge, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2012, at the Raritan Bay Medical Center, Old Bridge. Born in Brooklyn, she resided there most of her life, before moving here 17 years ago.

Early on she was a seamstress, before taking employment doing clerical work for the Teacher's Pension Fund, City of New York.

She was an avid reader who also enjoyed cooking and baking.

She is survived by a daughter, Lorraine Bracken; a son, John & his wife Linda Klammer, Madeline Klammer and her sister, Frances Flora all of Old Bridge. Also surviving are her grandchildren, Alicia LaVine & her husband Peter, Allyson Turner, Jill Hetzel & her husband James, Jennifer Maldonado & her husband Omar, and Nicholas Klammer. Madeline also leaves her great grandchildren, Tyler, Olivia, Chase, Xavier, Tavian, Trent & Sofia.



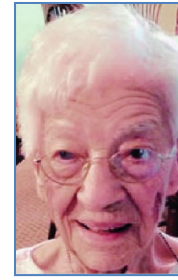
Marguerite "Marge" Countryman

Klevitch of Troy passed away on Thursday, September 2, 2021, in Colonie. Marge was born in Hudson on December 25, 1933. She graduated from Cornell.

She worked at IBM and The Rensselaer County Department of Health and the Sheriff's Department.

Marge was involved in the Veterans Auxiliary, donated her time to the Veterans Hospital, Motherhood Club, and St. Basil's Church.

Marge is survived by her children, Peter (Gwendolyn) Klevitch, Anthony Klevitch, Julie (Peter) Westfall, Amy (Todd) Balise, and Katernia (Reginald) Hines. Marge is also survived by her grandchildren, Heidi McMillan, Jonathan (Danielle) McMillan, Samantha McMillan, Alexandre (Emily) Klevitch, Demier Klevitch-Gay, Andrew Klevitch, Deonte' Smith, Olivia Balise, Jah'Quez Holmes, Shane Balise and Simeone' Holmes; great-grandchildren, Kayla, Haleah, Roman, Demier II and Aviana; and step-grandchildren, cousins, nieces, nephews and her goddaughter Melissa Brundidge.



Margaret M. Krone (Messina) of Clermont, FL and formerly of Schenectady, NY, passed away on Friday, August 11, 2017. She was 102 years old. Born in Schenectady, NY on July 27, 1915, Margaret lived in Schenectady and Rotterdam for most of her life. Her parents were Angelo and Felippa (Conti) Messina, who had immigrated from Sicily.

Margaret, who attended Mont Pleasant High School, worked at General Electric during World War II and later at Pleasant Valley Meat Packing Company.

An avid gardener, baker and cook and a voracious book reader, she was a longtime member of the Rotterdam Democratic Club and served as a bus tour hostess at the Rotterdam Senior Citizen Center.

She is survived by her sons, James R. Krone (Linda) of Clermont, FL, William Krone (Christine) of Lady Lakes, FL and Donald Krone (Olga) of Lake Placid, NY; grandchildren, James Krone (Amy) and Joseph Krone (Ly); great-grandchildren, Jillian and Megan; sisters, Helen Brauner and Mary Valente; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Kathleen Kruger (Swailles), from West Islip passed away on December 27 at age 98.

25-year employee of West Islip and Babylon.

Cherished mother of Geralyn Athenas-Bennett (Robert). Nan to Jeff Regan (Holly), Michelle and Jason (Kaitlin). Great-grandmother of three, with loving times spent with McKenna Kate, and loving care by Maureen. She was known as Nans to many. Charter member of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and Rosary Christian Mothers. A cup of tea shared is time well spent.



Genevieve Laiacona, 99, of Troy, passed away on Monday, July 15, 2013 at the Van Rensselaer Manor, surrounded by her loving family. Born in Caltagirone Sicily on January 1, 1914, she was the daughter of the late Mary and Emmanuel Criscione.

Gen was a very spirited woman, contributing much to society including Brownie Troops and Girl Scouts, St. Joseph's Mothers' Club, Catholic Daughters, Muscular Dystrophy Association, 27th Division Ladies Auxiliary holding offices in many of these organizations. In her later years she was proud to be Raggedy Ann the Clown entertaining at nursing homes, and children's events.

Gen was honored twice as Troy Senior Citizen of the Year. Gen loved dancing, living an active lifestyle and most of all spending time with her family, her grandchildren and greatgrandchildren.

Survivors include her daughters Santa (late Robert) Finn; Mary (late Edward) Slattery; Angeline Parsons; and son LTC(R) Nicholas (Christina) Laiacona. Grandmother of Susan Finn, Christine Gray (late), Joanne Dietz (Brad), Robert Finn (Louise), James Finn (Catherine), Kathleen Wilson (Raymond); Ken (Rebeca), Laura, Jill, Meg Parsons; Nicholas (Sheri Edgecomb), Michael (Wendy), Matthew (Patricia); 13 grandchildren, and 15 great grandchildren.

[Genevieve was a Past National President of the 27th Division Association Auxiliary.]



Dorothy Monahan, 96, of Leonardo, NJ, passed away surrounded by family at Riverview Medical Center on November 3, 2021. Dorothy was born in East Rutherford, NJ and spent her childhood in Belleville, NJ, which she loved dearly. She was a smart and ambitious young woman working and being involved in her community from a very young age.

She volunteered and held many roles with St. Agnes Church and School in Atlantic Highlands, NJ. She loved traveling, trips to Atlantic City, ceramics, and spending time with her family. Dorothy's energy was unmatched and she cared fiercely for her family and those close to her.

She is survived by her children, Dorothy Stewart, Maureen and James Adams, and Francis Monahan Jr; grandchildren Marissa and Dan Liptak, Tom Adams and Ricky Londono, Sarah Adams and Bryan Lutz, Dorothy Stewart and Rob Miller, Logan Monahan, and Lucas Monahan; plus 5 great grandchildren: Brayden, Ella, Jack, Cassidy, and Conor whom she loved so much.

Kathryn (Kay) M. Newman, 85, of NY Mills, formerly of N. Utica died at home unexpectedly and peacefully on Friday August 31, 2007. She was born May 24, 1922 the daughter of James E. and Marguerite (Wilbur) Doyle. On October 11, 1941 Kay married the love of her life, Harold E. Newman, a blessed union of 41 years filled with fun loving times in the Herkimer Rd. homestead. Kay was a loving mother who devoted her life to involved to her family.

She was an active member of the N. Utica Community, involved with was with the PTA of Seymour School and a room mother many times over.

She was also was also a faithful member of Historic old St. John's Church, Utica. She was affectionately known as Mother Kay to the Dutkiewicz family of Herkimer Rd. Kay was kind, generous and always first to help a friend in need. She focused on the good in people and all who knew her loved her.

Mrs. Newman is survived by her four daughters and their spouses; Phylis A. (George) Korrie of Deerfield, Dawn M. (Robert) Anderson of Whitesboro, Joan N. (James) DiGristina of Schuylers and Marylou (Steven) Mercurio of New Hartford; a loving of loving daughter-in-law, Amy Jo Newman-Marra and her husband James of San Jose, CA; her grandchildren: Johanne Korrie and her husband Wil Oberlies, Paige Oberlies, Donna Korrie, Robert (Diana) Anderson, Lisa (John) Molnar, Paige (Jeff) Pastorella, James (Darcy) DiGristina, Lee DiGristina, Kathryn (Todd) Beaton, Emily and Daniel Mercurio; great grandchildren, Cassie, Jordan, Olivia, Christina, Kara, Renee, John, Colin, Jenna, Abbey, and Tanner and a sister, Patricia Nemier of Cleveland, OH.



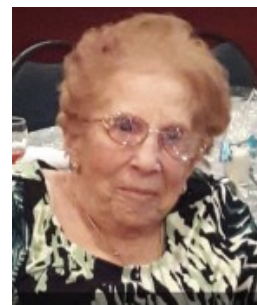
Joan Anna (Monaghan) Baker Sorg, 84, fought a courageous battle and passed away on May 18, 2009, at Saint John's Medical Center surrounded by her family. She was born Feb. 26, 1925, in New York City, and lived in Atlantic City and Baltimore, Md., before moving to Anderson.

She married her first love, John E. Baker, on April 22, 1944, and married her second husband and best friend, Carl J. Sorg, on April 9, 1983.

She had worked at Delco Remy and many restaurants, where she was a cook and a waitress. She was a homemaker for several years and her favorite things to do were being with her family, gardening,

reading and traveling.

She is survived by her children, Mike L. Baker of Chesterfield, Bonnie(Pete) Linn of Bloomington, Patricia (Gary) Paschal of Middletown and David (Brenda) Baker of Kennard; stepchildren, Mike (Mary) Sorg of Haubstadt and Jennifer (Jamie) Matthews of Fortville; 12 grandchildren, Robbie Baker, P.J. Baker, Leslie (Mike) Crouse, Elizabeth Baker, Scott Emswiler, Laurie (Dan) Garman, Randy (Nicole) Paschal, Mark (Cynthia) Paschal, Tony (Cathy) Baker, Heather Beasley, Crystal Riley and Harmony (Tim) Brown; step-grandchildren, Jill, Tara, Anna, Kate and Mark Sorg of Haubstadt and Jacob and Jocelyn Matthews of Fortville; 21 great-grandchildren, Brooke, Gabe, Austin, Annabella, Jessica, Alexis, Samantha, Emilee, Kaitlyn, Simon, Joanna, Matthew, Haylee, Zackary, Cameron, Molly, Isaiah, Kirsten, Kaylynn, Samantha, and Jeremy; brother, Pat (Dot) Monaghan of Anderson; and several nieces and nephews.



Frances M. Speziale of Cedarhurst, NY passed away on January 11, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Vic.

Loving mother of Barbara (John), Victor (Theresa), Dominick, Thomas (Rebecca), and Laurie (Joseph). Cherished grandmother of 9 and great grandmother of 5.

Etta May Stacy, age 90, of Toledo, OH passed away Saturday, September 6, 2008, at Wolf Creek Lutheran Village, Holland, OH. She was born June 23, 1918, in Toledo to Dale M. and Gladys (Davis) Harris.

Etta worked for Champion Spark Plug Co. for over 33 years.

After retirement she spent 28 years in Haines City, Florida.

Survivors include son, Robert Lee Stacy Jr. of Haines City, FL; daughters, Barbara Jean Stefanski of Monclova, OH and Susan E. Van Cleave of Temperance, MI; 9 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild; brother, Lorin Harris of Beulah, Michigan.

Agnes Wren Terry, 95, wife of 62 years to the late Fred L. Terry, Sr., entered into rest on Monday, July 23, 2012.

She was very creative and was an accomplished seamstress. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. Agnes always kept a sweet disposition and was the epitome of graciousness. One of her proudest accomplishments was reading the Bible cover to cover during the last year of her life.

Survivors include her daughter, Ellen Hill and husband Leonard of Evans, GA, her son, Dr. Fred L. Terry, Jr. and wife Dr. Kristen Moore of Ann Arbor, MI, four grandchildren, Terry Greene and husband Daren, Cliff Hill, Jr. and wife Jayla, Fred L. Terry, III, Veronica Terry, and five great grandchildren.



Ruth L. Wheeler, 93, of Whiteview Road died on Tuesday, November 10, 2015, at the Samaritan Hospital with her family at her side. Born in North Greenbush and a lifelong resident of Whiteview Road, Ruth was the daughter of the late John and Harriet Roaser Schillinger and wife of the late George G. Wheeler.

Ruth was a graduate of the Averill Park High School and had retired from the New York State Audit and Control where she had been a file clerk.

Ruth was a member of the Rensselaer County Home Bureau and had been a poll worker for many years in North Greenbush. She had been a member of the Wynantskill, Sand Lake and Poestenkill Seniors and was also a member of the 27th Division Women's Auxiliary. Ruth had enjoyed traveling with her late sister Grace.

Survivors include her children, Ruth M. (late Roy) Teal of Poestenkill, John W. (Prudence) Wheeler of Silverdale, Wash. and Ann L. (Michael Kumpan) Wheeler of Wynantskill; her grandchildren, Karen (Tim) Cronin, David (Michelle) Teal, Brian (Tracie) Teal, Andrew (Joyce) Lanese, Annmarie Lanese (Joseph Jr.) Payette, Jacob (Kelli) Wheeler and Rebecca (Eric) Purcell; her great-grandchildren, Danielyn, Meghan, Aidan, Connor, Declan, Kara, Zachary, Anthony, Angela, Aubrey, Avery, Charlotte, Declan, Tensley and Lachlan.

Prudy Hutchison Yerian, age 95 of Nashville, passed away Sunday, May 6, 2018. Mrs. Yerian was born July 1, 1922 in Gallatin to the late William P. Hutchison and Prudy Cross Henry Hutchison.

She is survived by sons, William D. Sircy of Nashville, Bruce E. Maxey of Columbia, TN, Jesse J. Qualls of Nashville, and Dan J. Qualls (Benita) of Murfreesboro; sister, Mary P. Lynn of Mountain Springs, GA; 11 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren; and 5 great-great grandchildren.

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