

Orion "In Memoriam"

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1917 - 1919

Dickebush Sector

Mount Kemmel

Vierstraat Ridge

East Poperinghe Line

Hindenburg Line

LaSelle River St. Souplet

Meuse-Argonne St. Mihiel



1940- 1945

Makin

Majuro

Eniwetok

Saipan

Okinawa

2001 - Present

Noble Eagle

Iraqi Freedom

Enduring Freedom,

(Afghanistan)

Honors to Association members from all across the Division and Brigade

This document closes out the series which has served to inform us of the passing of many of our members over the last 20-25 years. With each obituary I read, I wished that I could have met them and had a chat.

The life experiences of so many of these Soldiers spread across that spectrum of the Great Depression, World War II, the Cold War, and the early days of post 9/11.

Most were born over 100 years ago now. Ocean liners were the only way to cross the Atlantic or Pacific. The car of the day was a Model T or maybe a Model A. Horses were still seen in the streets of most US Cities. Electric lights were just starting to become popular and replace gas lamps. The great cities of the USA were still far flung and most people had never visited them or strayed far

from their home town or maybe their state.

War picked these people up and sent them around the USA at first, then across the Pacific. Places with names not many were familiar became part of the common lingo. Eniwetok, Majuro, Saipan, and Okinawa to name a few.

After all that, they came home to restart their lives and perhaps marry and start a family. Some children heard stories of the War, others did not.

Somewhere in an attic is a dusty photo album, maybe a uniform with the Orion patch, and possibly a war souvenir.

All we have left of them now is a memory.

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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

Charles Abernathy	John F. Crowley	Samuel Grecco
Carmon J. Ancona	Nicholas Cuminti	Bennett Greenhouse
Donald H. Andrews	Frank G. Dasting	Marc L. Greer
Frank Arnone	Hansford Walton "Pop"	Walter Grigas
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Karl Hilton Bensley	Benjamin DeMuth	Solomon Hattem
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William K. Corcoran	Philip J. Giallombardo	William J. Krajcirik
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William Muscenti	Aloysius Siers	Douglas S. Young
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So, in summary, we have provided information on the following numbers:

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104th FA - 29
105th FA - 8
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102d QM - 10
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27th Division “Empire”



Charles O. Abernathy, Jr. was born on August 10, 1922 in Altus, Oklahoma to Charles O. Abernathy and Lillie Abernathy. He passed away Thursday, May 24, 2012, in his home with his family by his side. He graduated from school at Ozark High School in Jackson County. His family owned and operated a dairy east of Altus. Knowing he didn't want to milk cows two times a day for the rest of his life, he started farming land.

He believed serving his country was something he should do, so he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1943 at the age of 20, just 10 days after he married Mary Lark Hudson in Altus, despite having received a farm deferment from the Selective Service.

Two years later, Mr. Abernathy and other members of the 27th Division of the 24th Army Corps participated in Operation Iceberg, the invasion on Okinawa, Japan, that began on Easter Sunday in 1945. Soon after landing on the island's beaches, the 27th Division found itself facing 100,000 Japanese troops while entrenched in caves and other fortifications on higher ground. During the ensuing battle, Mr. Abernathy was credited with saving the lives of many fellow soldiers, and he continued to fight for three more days despite a serious leg wound. Consequent-

ly, Mr. Abernathy was awarded the Silver Star for bravery and the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat.

Following the war, Mr. Abernathy returned to Oklahoma and to his wife, Mary, where they raised their children, Crystal and Clint. He also became a successful farmer and community supporter and devoted time on behalf of his fellow cotton producers by holding leadership positions at Headrick Coop Gin and Oklahoma Cotton Cooperative Association. In 1953, Mr. Abernathy was a founding member of the Wichita National Insurance Company, in Lawton and served on the Board of Directors until a few years ago.

In 1995, PCCA Delegates nominated Mr. Abernathy to represent District One on PCCA's Board of Directors where he served continuously for the next 12 years. During his tenure on the Board, PCCA's trade territory increased, and the cooperative continued its legacy of industry leadership and success for the benefit of its members.

Mr. Abernathy served on the Soil Conservation Board for Jackson County for 27 years. He was one of the founders and co-owners of Pioneer Farm Center. He was a member and supporter of the WOSC Aggie Club for many years. He was a long-time member of the First United Methodist Church in Altus, Oklahoma, where he served on many Committees, boards, and taught Sunday school. He was actively involved in the Gideons International. He and his wife, Mary, traveled many places in the world distributing Bibles and sharing God's word.

In his later years, he was a volunteer driver for the Disabled American Veterans. He would drive fellow veterans to doctor's appointments locally and around the state. Charles and Mary enjoyed traveling and watching the NBA on television.

Papa Charles gained much enjoyment from spending time and watching his grandchildren grow into adults of whom he was very proud.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, of the home; one son Clint and his wife, Kim; two grandsons; Justin and wife, Amy; Jarod and wife, Jill and one granddaughter, Jordon Coppock and husband, Evan. Four great-grandchildren; Kason Charles Abernathy, Kenzie Cae Abernathy, Cade Jarod Abernathy, and Drake John Abernathy. The family would like to give a special thanks to his caretakers Amy, Brittainy, Mandy, J'Amy, and Amber.



Carmon J. Ancona passed away on 15 April, 2000.



Donald H. Andrews, 79 years old, died at 3:40 p.m. Saturday, October 23, in Hillsboro Health Care Center. He was born in Greenville, a son of Ernest and Frances Snodgrass Andrews, and graduated from Greenville High School.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

He owned and operated the Andrews Insurance Agency in Hillsboro for many years, and was mayor of the city from 1958 to 1962.

He was a member of Mt. Moriah Lodge 51 A.F.&A.M., Ansar Shrine, M&M Shrine Club, Springfield Valley Consistory, and the VFW.

He married Norma Jean Allen on June 19, 1948, in

Greenville. She survives. Surviving also are sons, Michael Andrews and wife Marie of Carson City, Nevada, Patrick Andrews of Williamsburg, VA, and Tom Andrews of Hillsboro; daughter, Mary F. Spudic and husband Mark of Mt. Olive; sister, Mary Lou Duberg of Newport News, VA; seven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Frank C. Arnone, 92, passed away peacefully Saturday, January 31, 2009, at Riverview Medical Center in Red Bank. Born in Red Bank, he was a resident of Shrewsbury for sixty years. He owned and operated Arnone's Texaco Service Center for 35 years in Shrewsbury from 1947-1982.

Frank was an Army veteran who served in World War II from March 1942 to September 1944.

He was a communicant of St. James RC Church Red Bank and a member of the New Jersey Blind Citizens Association, Inc. "Camp Happiness". Frank will be remembered as an independent, caring and happy man who always put others first. He loved his grandchildren and spending time with his family, especially his two great grandsons Ryan and Kyle.

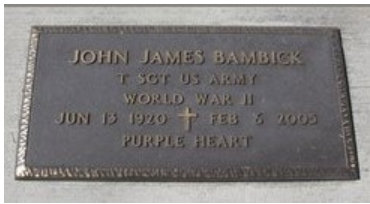
He is survived by a son, Frank M. and wife Nancy of Ocean; Frank's children, Kim Arnone, and Frank Jr. and his wife Kristin; great-grandsons, Ryan and Kyle, sons of Frank and Kristin.



Raymond F. Arvin of Evansville, IN passed away at The Heritage Center on 16 January, 2005.

He served with the US Army in WWII.

He was a salesman for the Glidden Paint company and a member of VFW Post 1114 in Evansville.



John Bambick, 84, died Sunday, Feb. 6, 2005. Survivors: 13 children, including son, Robert Bambick of Wichita.

with cancer. In addition, he is survived by his children, Michael and Sandra Bensley, Suzanne and Michael Romaldini, Mark and Diane Bensley, Christopher Bensley and Christen McGhan.

He is also survived by his grandchildren who brought incredible joy to his life, Michael, Thomas, Matthew, Meaghan, Stefan, Nicholas, Corey, Adam and Daniel.



Donald E. Bean, CW4 retired, 83, of Endwell, died Tuesday evening, February 4, 2003, at Carmella at his home.

Donald was a decorated Army veteran of WWII, a member of American Legion Post #1645, Knights of Columbus Council #1839 and retired administrative technician for the New York Army National Guard.

He is survived by a daughter, Donna and Donna Grace Merrill; a son, Dennis Bean; two granddaughters, Donna Striley and Shelley MacPhearson; four great-grandchildren, Allison and Lauren MacPhearson, Sidney and Adam Striley; three brothers, Richard Bean, Jean Bean and Leo Bean; five sisters, Alice Plano, Mary Bowen, Roberta Goram, Nancy Armeli and Terry Stone.

Earl Adolphus Beyersdoerfer, 76, a devoted Christian, beloved husband, father, and grandfather, departed this life September 4, 2001 at Henrico Doctors' Hospital.

Mr. Beyersdoerfer left his native Kentucky in 1941 to serve in the Army.

He later became a plastics engineer in his long-time home of Cincinnati.

He is survived by his wife of 56years, Dora; a daughter and son-in-law, Pam and John McAlister of Glen Allen; a sister and brother-in-law; and his three grandchildren.



Karl H. Bensley, 78, passed away peacefully Sunday, June 14, 2009.

Karl loved his country and served with duty and honor in the National Guard.

He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, E. Joyce Bensley; and his beloved Golden Retriever, Sam, both of whom stayed by his side and showered him with unconditional love throughout his battle



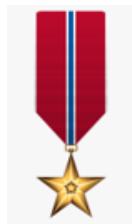
George Eugene Bradt, age 81 of Rockwood, passed away peacefully at home with his family by his side on Wednesday, January 4, 2017. He was born at home in Rockwood on September 29, 1935, a son of the late Melvin Bradt and Edith Sterling Bradt. George was a graduate of Johnstown High School.

He served in the National Guard.

Mr. Bradt was a leather worker and his last employment was with Sentinel Leather in Gloversville as Superintendent and retired at age 70.

George belonged to the following organizations: National Guard – 27th Division Association, Board of Salvation Army, Concordia Club Member, Boy Scouts and Leader Troop 107, Rockwood, Deputy Sheriff's Department and Association, DAV Member, Gloversville American Legion Member, Pilot's Association, former Ephratah Firemen, former Johnstown Senior Center, and the Rockwood Cemetery Board.

Mr. Bradt is survived by his two brothers Melvin Bradt and his wife Jeanie and Frank Bradt and his wife Janet, both of Rockwood; three nephews Todd Bradt and his wife Sandy, Scott Bradt and Corey Bradt and his wife Allison; two great nieces Megan and Ashley and three great nephews Devin, Kyle and Jackson.



Isidore "Itsky" Brandoff, age 92, of East Meadow, died peacefully on October 15, 2010.

He was a World War II hero and was awarded the Bronze Star.

He had a 48-Year Retail Career with Times Square Stores (TSS).

He was a lifelong fan of the New York Yankees, was known fondly as "Itsky" to all his family and friends, he will be missed by those whose lives he enriched.

Husband of the late Mildred; devoted father of Paul of East Meadow, Bobby (Darlene) of North Babylon and Jane Ackerman (Richard) of Centennial, CO. Cherished Grandfather of Leigh and Elyse Ackerman.

Gerald L. Bronsink, age 84, went to be with his Lord and Savior Friday, January 9, 2004.

Surviving are his wife of 58 years Kathryn; children, Gary (Greta) Bronsink of Byron Center, Leonard (Linda) Bronsink of Cordova, TN, James (Charlene) Bronsink of Charlotte, NC, Gloria Miles of Middleville, Marlene (Duane) Vork of Jenison, Roger (Sandi) Bronsink of Middleville, Dale (Donna) Bronsink of Holland, Sharon (Ken) Smith of Byron Center, Mary Miller of Wayland; 40 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren; sister Harriet Rozema of Byron Center; and sister-in-law Esther Bronsink of Kalamazoo.



27th Brigade "Roundout Bde"

James "Jim" C. Brown passed away, at the age of 86, on Tuesday, October 8, 2019. Jim passed away at Nathan Littauer Nursing Home with his loving family at his side. Jim was born on March 13, 1933 in Atlanta, GA to Jewel B. Kane. He lived in Atlanta until the fall of 1947 when his family moved to Gloversville, NY. Jim attended Gloversville schools and graduated in 1953. Jim was a phenomenal athlete and had received scholarships to play football and baseball as well as an opportunity to try out for a Negro League baseball team.

Jim decided to join the military instead as he realized he needed more structure in his life and knew the military would provide it. In 1953, Jim enlisted in the US Army and served in Panama, Germany, and Korea. He later enlisted in the New York Army National Guard (NYARNG) and served with the 10 Mountain Division, in Gloversville NY where he retired as the First Sergeant. Jim was passionate about the military and worked diligently to train his soldiers to be the best they could be, not only within the military but also within their daily lives.

In life, Jim worked as a construction worker then moved on to become the first black police officer in Johnstown, NY. He next worked at Winig's Slipper factory working his way up to become the foreman. During that time, Jim discovered his passion for youth and began volunteering at the Tryon School for Boys. He so loved working with the youth that he decided to leave his full-time job at Winig's to become a Youth Division Aid at Tryon. During his time at Tryon, Jim returned to school to get his associate's degree and became a counselor at Tryon. He moved on to become the Assistant Director at the Tryon Girl's Facility, retiring in 1995.

He was very active in the local community, having served on various committees with the Mayors of Gloversville and other city and local officials to help improve the opportunities for the youth and the community at large. On December 27, 1961, Jim married the love of his life, Catherine (Jones). They have enjoyed nearly 58 years of marriage. He enjoyed golfing, camping, going to casinos, barbecuing and most of all his family.

Jim leaves behind his beloved wife Catherine, sons Bruce Simon, Norman Jones, Steven "Tutor" Brown (Kendal), Marcus Brown (Cheryl), James Brown (Nikalah) and daughters Carol Williams, Jewel Brown-Gregory (Johnnie), Eleanor "Lynn" Brown (Karen) and Tina (Ligon) Cook. Jim will be missed by his grandchildren Bruce Jr, Brian, Albrionna, Norman Jr, Tiffany, Danielle, Michael, Leijia, Corey, Mario, Miguel, Quiahana, Jay Marcus, Tricia, Shawn, Sharise, Tracie, Catherine, Chloe, Cherokee, Zechariah, Marian, Nia, Jacqueline, Matthew, Micah, Faith, and baby Zaylen. In addition, Jim leaves behind his sisters Maude Hall and Gloria Hall, a brother Kristopher Kane (Lacey), a goddaughter Donna, special cousins Thomas Leslie, Stanley Leslie, special niece Patricia Murray along with several great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.



Albert D. Cadwell, 74, of Windsor, passed away peacefully August 28, 2014.

Albert graduated with honors from West Point, Command General Staff College and Logistics Management. He served in the US Army during Vietnam and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. He proudly worked under General Colin Powell.

He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years Samuella (Kadlecik) Cadwell; children Paul (Kris) Cadwell, Alvin (Patricia) Cadwell, Hamilton (Doreen) Cadwell, Ingrid (Blaine) Cox, Jennifer (James) Stone; 16 grandchildren; 1 great-granddaughter soon to be Emma Grace; sister Dorothy Heller Cadwell and his beloved dog Cuddles; as well as many nieces and nephews.



Ralph D. Carhart, 85, Englewood, died June 9, 2003. He was born Jan. 6, 1918, in Coeymans, NY, and had moved to Englewood in 1992 from Bradenton.

He was an Army veteran who served in World War II in the Philippines.

He was a heavy equipment machine operator for Callahan Corp. in South Bethlehem, NY, who retired in 1983 after 30 years there.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary H. Shonk of Port Charlotte; sons Thomas of Englewood and Ralph of Ravena, NY; a sister, Gladys Stansfield of North East Palm Bay; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.



Harold M. Carlson passed away on 08 November, 2006.

He served in the US Army in WWII.



Albert E. Caswell, Jr., 82, passed away on Wednesday, November 23, 2011 at the Veteran's Administration Hospital, after a brief illness. Born in Troy, he was the son of the late Albert E. and Mabel Caswell. Al was formerly of Troy, before moving to Schenectady.

He was a U.S. Army veteran serving his country in both World War II and the Korean War.

Al retired from the North Colonie School District with over 20 years of service. He was a member of both the Troy Tibbitts Cadets and the Jewish Community Center in Schenectady. He also did volunteer work at Samaritan Hospital in Troy, and was very active in the New York State National Guard.

He is the devoted father of Dennis Caswell, Patti (George) Anderson and Thomas (Amy) Caswell, Sr. Al is the cherished grandfather of Ronald A. Anderson III, Colleen Bowers, Crystal Hall, and Thomas Caswell Jr. He is the adoring great-grandfather of Darshan Williams and Savannah Bowers. Also surviving is his loving daughter-in-law, Coreen Hall.

Malcolm Joseph Champagne, 95, of New London, formerly of Wallingford, died Thursday, February 1, 2012 at Beechwood Manor. He was the beloved husband of Wanda Polnar Champagne for 68 years. He was born in Amsterdam, NY August 23, 1916, a son of the late Joseph Champagne and Mary Healy Champagne.

Malcolm was a veteran of World War II, having served with the Merchant Marines and the U.S. Army.

He was employed by the Wallingford Fire Department for 32 years until his retirement as a Captain. He was a member of The Polish National Alliance Group 513 in Wallingford.

Besides his wife Wanda, he is survived by his daughter Michele Bartek of Waterford; his daughter-in-law Patricia Champagne of Ivoryton; his four sisters Eileen Neubauer of Johnstown, NY, Margaret Rupert of Gloversville, NY, Jean Desjardins of Gloversville and Mary Bottisti of Tribes Hill, NY; his four grandchildren: Christopher Champagne and his wife Kathryn of Middletown, Melissa Champagne of Avon, Kelly Teuner and her husband Eric of Clinton and Kate Beach and her husband Eric of East Haddam; and his five great grandchildren Conor and Ryan Champagne, Jason and Molly Beach and Emma Teuner and several nieces and nephews.



Bino P. Chiado, 92 of Gilroy passed away Sunday, March 29, 2015 after a short illness in Pleasanton, CA.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, who served in the Pacific Theatre.

Father of Karen Heinzen (Don) of Hilo, HI and Nancy A. Clarkson (Bill) of San Ramon, CA. Grandfather of Anna Griffith, Jonathan, Paul & Samuel Heinzen and Lauren Santoro. Great-grandfather of Elliana, Keith, Gage, Gideon, Adeline, Charlotte, Lila, Ezra and Camden. Brother of the late Frank Gianelli. A native of Gilroy.

In Bino's honor the family requests dressing in blue jeans and plaid shirts.



Milton T. Claydon, Sr., 79, of Troy, died Tuesday at Samaritan Hospital following a brief illness. Born in Troy, he was the son of the late Burlton and Florence Brott Claydon. He was raised and educated in Troy, attending Troy Public Schools and graduating from Troy High School in 1952.

He also served in the New York National Guard for five years, receiving an honorable discharge with the rank of sergeant, having served as a tank driver.

Following high school, he worked at RPI as the Assistant Manager of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Bookstore for 40 years until his retirement. He had been a member of the Troy Tibbits Cadets, and served as a member of its board of directors.

Milton enjoyed gardening, working in his yard, studying history, and taking various bus trips. He is survived by his wife, the former Norma G. Fuller; one son, Milton T. Claydon, Jr.; a daughter, Susan D. C. Matthews, and her husband John; a grandson, Christopher N. Matthews; a brother, Martin B. Claydon, all of Troy, and several nieces and nephews.



William Howard Coons, 89, of Rook Road, Cromwell, formerly of Torrington and Colchester, died Saturday, (September 8, 2007) at Haven Health Care Center in Cromwell. Born December 1, 1917 in Torrington, he was the son of the late Howard William and Grace (Cook) Coons.

Inducted during February of 1941, he served his country with the United States Army during World War II.

He participated in the Battle of Saipan where he was wounded in action during July of 1944. Among his many decorations, he received the Combat Infantry Badge, the Asiatic- Pacific Theater Service Medal, the Purple Heart, the American Defense Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, and he was honorably discharged during March of 1945.

He was employed by The Torrington Company as a machinist until his retirement in 1979.

His greatest love was spending time with his family.

He is survived by one son, William Howard Coons, Jr. and daughter-in-law Rebecca of Cromwell, one daughter, Diane and son-in-law John O'Connor, Jr. of Torrington, two brothers, James Coons and Thomas Coons both of Florida, four grandchildren, Wendy Perreault and her husband Stephan, William Coons III and his wife Mary, John O'Connor III, Kelly Pergola and her husband Douglas, nine great grandchildren, John O'Connor IV, Mary O'Connor, Alyssa O'Connor, Stephan Perreault, and Ryan Perreault.



William K. Corcoran, of Orchard Park, NY passed away on July 19, 2011.

Father of Diane (Robert) McCarthy, Karen (James) Clizbe, William (Gloria), Kevin (Krisann) and Debbie (Gary) McGahey; also survived by fourteen grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren; son of the late William E. and Margaret Hirsch Corcoran; brother of John V. (Patricia), Richard B., and Margeret (Albert) Kraus.



Frank "Cris" Criscitello, 93, of Endwell, NY, died peacefully on January 1, 2015. He was born in Binghamton, NY, on September 29, 1921, to the late Frank C. and Monarca (Matias) Criscitello.

After serving 26 years in the US Army during WWII, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War, Cris retired as a Master Sergeant.

While living in Tewksbury, he was very active in the community. He held every elected position in the Tewksbury Lions Club, was named Lion of the Year, and was awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Cris was a charter member of the Fr. Coppen's Knights of Columbus and the Tewksbury-Wilmington Elks.

He was Commander of VFW Post 8164 twice and Commander of the Billerica DAV Post 46 three times. He was a member of the Tewksbury DAV Post 110, served as the Massachusetts State Junior Vice-Commander of the DAV, and was a member of the Am Vets and the American Legion. Cris also served 12 years on the board of the Tewksbury Council on Aging. His enthusiasm was contagious, and he genuinely loved people, his family, and his country.

He is survived by his sisters, Antoinette (Harold) Schaffer and Nancy (Fred) Booth; his brother, Joseph (Darlene) Criscitello; brother-in-law; his children, Sharon (Bill) Francis-Bennett, Elsa Marsh, Frances Herr, Mary (Edmund) Dorazio, Frank Criscitello, Paula (Joseph) Criste, Carol Criscitello, Pamela Criscitello, and Susan (Kevin) Criste;



Floyd E. Cox, 91, Lee's Summit, MO passed away April 25, 2011. Floyd was born Feb. 9, 1920 in Elmira, MO.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of WW II and received a Purple Heart.

He worked at the GM Leeds Plant where he was a foreman until his retirement in 1974.

Floyd was a member of the GM Retirement Association, Disabled American Veterans and the VFW.

Floyd is survived by his wife of sixty-six years, Etta Cox; son David Cox and wife Carolyn; daughter Cheryl Constable and husband Ronald, all of Lee's Summit, MO; grandchildren Anissa Slavens, Holly Webb, Katie Cox, Amie Rogers, Bev Sollars; twelve great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

14 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; numerous nieces and nephews; a "son" and friend, Jeffrey Lambert; as well as many close friends. Cris is also survived by his present wife, Marie Laura (Damato) Criscitello, of Endwell, NY; children, Ralph (Sandra) Damato; Deborah (Tim) Waterman; Robert (Gail) Damato; Mark (Tracy) Damato; and Maria (John) Hasenauer; and numerous grandchildren.



Robert T. Crocker, Sr., 72, of Binghamton passed away peacefully at Bridgewater Nursing and Rehabilitation Center on Thursday, January 28, 2016.

Robert will be remembered as racecar enthusiast and motor head having served in the National Guard.

He is survived by his two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert T. (Joan) Crocker, Jr., Timothy (Sheila) Crocker; three grandsons; Cameron, Trenten and Andrew Crocker; brother and sister-in-law, Roger (Irene) Crocker; nephews and niece, Thomas W. Crocker, Kenneth T. Crocker, Tonia (Gary) Woodrow.



John F. Crowley passed away peacefully, June 29, 2014, at the age of 88. The husband of the late Marie Crowley, father of John, Bill, and Edward Crowley.

He served in the US Army in the Philippines and the

Far East. He was wounded twice and was discharged in 1945. He was a past member of the V.F.W. and the American Legion along with numerous other service organizations.

John worked for the US Postal Service in Lehigh, PA for over 30 years. He worked as a volunteer firehouse dispatcher and fireman in Lehigh PA.

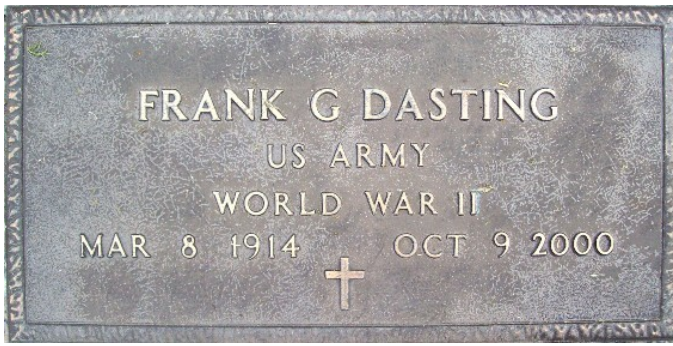


Nicholas D. Cuminti, age 97, a resident of Boothwyn, died December 10, 2015. Nicholas was a longtime resident of Delaware County and he also resided in Somers Point, NJ.

Nick proudly served his country in the United States Army during World War II. He belonged to the VFW and the American Legion.

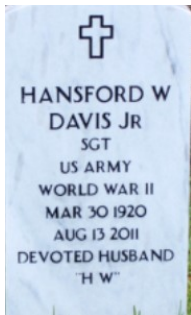
He was retired from Weyerhaeuser Lumber Company.

Survived by Yolanda (Donato) Cuminti; children: Linda Read, Nancy Paris (John), Nicholas J. Cuminti (Lian), David Cuminti, Diane Donato (Chris), George Donato (Blanche), and Stephen Donato; sister: Mary Cardisco; 10 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.



Frank G. Dasting passed away on 09 October, 2000.

He served in the US Army in WWII.



H.W. "Pop" Davis, Jr. was born on March 30, 1920 in Jena, LA and passed away Saturday, August 13, 2011 at Riverland Medical Center in Ferriday.

Mr. Davis proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army during WWII.

He worked for and was retired from Sun Oil Company in Delhi, LA, and was of the Methodist faith.

Survivors include: Wife of 65 years, Gladys Davis of Ferriday, LA Daughter-Rebecca Head and husband, Victor, of Monett, MO Daughter-Jean Cooper and husband, Clayton, of Delhi, LA Daughter-Barbara Crum and husband, Ronnie, of Ferriday, LA Special family friend -Joann Bareswell of Delhi, LA Sister - Elizabeth Howell of Dallas, TX. Grandchildren Jennifer Steingraber, Nathan Head, Christy Cooper, Clay Cooper, Cari Cooper, Ryan Crum, and Lindsey Crum. Also surviving are 14 great-great grandchildren.

John F. Deep, Jr., 82, of Frankfort and formerly of Marcy, passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 7, 2014, at Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse.



Michael A. DeMarco Jr., 83, a father, grandfather, brother, mentor and friend left our earthly presence on Monday, December 12, 2011. Born in Schenectady, Michael was the son of the late Michael and Flora (Micco) DeMarco. At 12 years of age, Mike began working with his dad, who founded DeMarco Funeral Home. He was a graduate of Mont Pleasant High School and the Simmons School of Mortuary Science in Syracuse.

After receiving his license, he joined the Army National Guard in Schenectady, serving as a medic for many years.

A simple, hardworking man, our dad took on many jobs to provide for his family. He was a man of integrity, a visionary. He taught us to work hard and to advocate for the families we serve. Dad loved his business and helped many with his knowledge and generosity.

Dad was active in the community, his memberships included: Rotterdam District 2 Fire Dept., where he served over 50 years as a fireman and 20 years as a fire commissioner; Rotterdam Rotary; IDAKA; Sons of Italy; and past president of the Schenectady County Funeral Directors Association. His joy was having fun with his eight grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and spending time with family and friends. Dad had an incredible passion for the outdoors and enjoyed many years of adventures such as traveling cross country with his family. Dad also enjoyed hunting and fishing with his sons and friends locally and in Canada.

Dad's all-time greatest adventure was the motor-home trip to Alaska with five of his pals where he had the "time of his life." We will miss Dad's silly jokes and incredible memory recalling details of people, places and events, and his visionary spirit.

He leaves behind his loving wife, Janet; his loving children, Michael (Donna), Kimberly (Larry) Noyes, Donald (Pamela); his grandchildren, Brittany and Taylor DeMarco, Justin (Jennifer) Noyes, Jamie (Ryan) Liscom, Jordan (Amanda) Noyes, Julianne (Terry) Dabravalskas and Ryan DeMarco; he also leaves behind one sister, Mary Ann Nass and his lifelong friend, Carmen Saglimbeni, who Dad considered more of a brother; nieces, nephews, many cousins, and many friends.

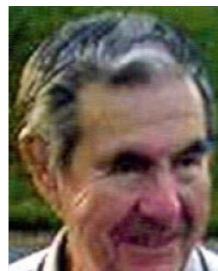


Ben DeMuth, age 86, of Darlington, died on Monday, Feb. 6, 2006, at LaFayette County Manor. He was born Aug. 21, 1919, in Darlington, to Frank and Bessie (Peavy) DeMuth.

He was in the U.S. Army during World War II and was the recipient of the Purple Heart Medal. He served on the 27th. Division in the South Pacific. He was LaFayette County Veteran's Officer for many years.

He married Betty Howard on Aug. 29, 1953, at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Darlington. Betty preceded him in death May 18, 2005. Ben love golfing, fishing, bowling and collecting coins. He was an avid Packers fan, Badgers and Darlington Redbird. He was a lifelong member of Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Darlington, the Knights of Columbus Council No. 1080, Darlington Country Club, an honorary member of the Darlington Volunteer Fire Dept., a 61-year member of the Bates O'Brien Howe Wiegel Darlington American Legion Post No. 245 and a charter member of the American Legion Post Firing Party.

Survivors include a daughter, Kay (Larry) Wiegel of South Wayne; a son, Tom (Cathy) DeMuth of Milwaukee; his grandchildren, Jeremy and Jessica Wiegel, Garrett, Turner and Riley DeMuth; and many friends.



W. Donald "Don" Dessingue, Sr., 81, of the Town of Brunswick, beloved husband of 59 years of Ursula M. Ryan Dessingue of Brunswick, peacefully entered into eternal life surrounded by his family on Monday, July 18, 2016. Born in Troy, he was the son of the late Leo Dessingue and the late Elizabeth Macy Hogan. Don was a graduate of Lansingburgh High School and Russell Sage College.

He served in the NY National Guard.

Mr. Dessingue was the owner and operator of At Home Respiratory Medical.

He enjoyed his family, golfing and the Boston Red Sox.

Beloved husband of Ursula of Brunswick, devoted father of William (Kathleen) Dessingue of Schaghticoke, John (Penny) Dessingue of Lansingburgh, Tricia Fernet of Lansingburgh and Jennifer (Tom) Gwinn of Plattsburgh, cherished grandfather of Nicole, Michael, Daniel, Jeanette, Billy, Kara, Corey and Tom, Jr., adored great grandfather of Audrey, also survived by several nieces and nephews.



Arthur L. DeVoe Jr., 76, of Cardin Drive died on Friday, December 14, 2012 at St. Mary's Hospital in Troy after a brief illness.

He was born in Troy on February 4, 1936 was the son of the late Arthur L. and Dorothy DeVoe. Art was a graduate, of the first graduating class, of Shenendehowa High School, where he designed the school emblem. He also attended the University of Maryland.

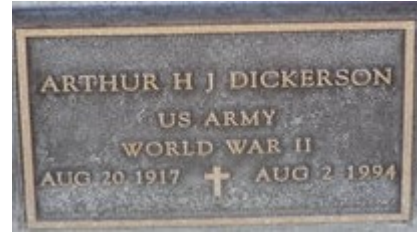
He was a decorated Army veteran of Occupation forces of World War II and of the Korean Conflict. He served honorably from 1953 through 1959. Art was very active in many veterans' organizations, having served as past commander, council commander, district commander and currently was the quarter master of the Clifton Park/ Halfmoon Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1498. He was a charter member of the Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery Honor Guard Association, having served as a past Commander and squadron leader.

He retired from the former McCasland trucking in Menands and had also worked for the White Motor Corp. and Mack Truck both in Albany.

He was a member of F & AM Star Lodge 75 in Latham and the Ondawa Lodge in Clifton Park. He was very active also in scouting in Saratoga County, serving as a scout master, assistant scout master in Halfmoon and had been a member of the Saratoga County Boy Scouts of America Executive Committee for over 30 years.

He was the devoted and beloved father of Arthur L. (Jeanne) DeVoe III of Jonesville and Cindylee (Thomas) Murdza of Ballston Lake; cherished grandfather of Jessica (Michael) Davey, Alexandra DeVoe, Ashley DeVoe and Michael Murdza; cherished great -grandfather of Nathan, Morgan and Lo-

gan; brother of Elizabeth (the late Howard) Betts of Halfmoon and the late John Joseph DeVoe; also survived by several nieces, nephews and his loving companion Pug, Sunny Mae.



Arthur HJ Dickerson passed away on 02 August, 1994.

He served in the US Army in WWII.

Theodore W. Domagalski, 90, a lifelong area resident, died unexpectedly on Monday, December 1, 2008. He was born in Yorkville on September 20, 1918, the son of Joseph and Victoria Raczak Domagalski, and attended local schools.

He served proudly with the U.S. Army during WW II.

On December 17, 1944, he was married to Wanda Lastowski.

Prior to his retirement, Theodore was employed for many years with the Kelsey Hayes Corp.

His survivors include his two daughters and their husbands, Joan and John Zych, of Collinsville, IL, and Jane and Timothy Herlehy, of Mohawk, and four grandchildren and their spouses, Kelly Herlehy, of Mohawk, Tanya and Paul Hendrickson, of IL, Tamara and Brett Palmier, of IL, and T.J. and Sarah Zych, of MO. Also included are her four great-grandchildren, Savannah, Ethan, Iris and Audrey; a sister, Mary Domagalski, of Yorkville; and several nieces and nephews.



Don Draxler of Loveland, Colorado passed away on Thursday morning, June 19th, 2014 surrounded by his family. He was born on July 6, 1923 in Glenwood City, Wisconsin. He was the son of Louis and Jennie Draxler. He graduated from Glenwood City High School in 1941, and entered the University of Wisconsin at Madison where he majored in Agricultural Economics and ROTC.

He enlisted in the Army in February 1942, following the beginning of WW II, on December 7, 1941. He was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in October 1942, and was sent to the Central Pacific theatre headquarters in Hawaii. Don saw action on Kwajalein, Eniwetok, and was seriously wounded by a sniper on Saipan in June of 1944. He was discharged a 1st Lieutenant in July 1946 after two years recovering from his injuries. He was awarded the Purple Heart, w/Oak Leaf Cluster, among several other service decorations.

Don attended the University of Minnesota following his discharge in 1946. Don married his high school sweetheart, Ilene Olson in 1944. In 1949, Don and Ilene opened THE DRAXLER FARM STORE, in Glenwood City, Wisconsin. They had a grist mill and sold seed, feed, and fertilizer. In 1953, they sold their feed store and home, and moved to Fresno, California because of family special education needs, at which time Don entered the Life and Health insurance field as a salesman. In 1957, Don became a General Agent for Bankers Life Insurance in the Rocky Mountain region. In the next twenty years he had over 100 salesmen in the four-state ar-

ea. In 1977, Don and Ilene entered the Real Estate field in Loveland, and purchased a Century 21 franchise known as the D & B Reality. They also had Draxler Enterprises, a management company that Ilene managed. They developed residential building lots in Southwest Loveland area over the next 20 years.

Don decided to retire at the age of 75. Don enjoyed fishing in local lakes and big game hunting near the Elk River in Northern Colorado. Don was a Life Member of the Loveland Elks Lodge, the American Legion, and the Disabled Veterans of America

Don is survived by his wife Ilene of 70 years and his five children; Diane Nanovich of Thornton; Patty (Bill) Krohn of Thornton; Dave (Cassandra) of Shingle Springs, California; Jim, of San Francisco; and Doni (Mike) Ellis of Broomfield, as well as nine grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. He is also survived by his siblings, Dorothy Mitch, Jo Hawkins, and Jack.

Bruce Duff, age 89 of Bedford, OH, passed away October 18, 2008. Born in Bellaire, OH October 13, 1919.

Bruce was self-employed over 40 years with Duff TV Repair Service.

He served in the U.S. Army, 27th Infantry Division, during WW II. He saw action in the South Pacific theater on Saipan, Eniwetok, and Okinawa; for which he received three bronze stars. [*I believe this refers to the campaign small bronze service star, not the valor decoration.*]

Bruce was a good son to his parents, loving husband to his wife, a devoted father to his children and a good friend to many and he will be missed.

Beloved husband of the late Nellie, Loving father of Linda Gum, Dan (Donna) and David (Lisa Mackerty); devoted grandfather of Diana, Michael (Lauren) and Ryan, who is serving in the U.S. Marine Corps; great grandfather of Alexis, Colin and Emily.

Roland R. "Bob" Efford, 90 - of Egg Harbor Township, passed away on Sunday, February 16, 2008. He was born in Baltimore, MD and owned Bob and Dan's bar and Tavern in Egg Harbor Township for over 50 years. Behind the bar, Bob operated a trailer park where many families called home.

Bob was a War Hero during World War II, and disabled during a Pacific battle.

He is survived by his brothers, Raymond Efford of SC and Bernard Efford of NC; his nephew, Steve Efford of Egg Harbor Township.

Joseph C. Failla, age 86 of Juno Beach, FL passed away on June 14, 2005. Joseph was the son of the late Sebastian and Gioiachina Failla.

Joseph was a disabled World War II Veteran who served in the Pacific Theater.

Joseph enjoyed Boating and was a member of the Navy League. Joseph loved Cooking, Traveling, Singing, Dancing and he adored his family.

Beloved Husband of Camille Anastas. Loving Father of Sebastian J., Joseph, Peter Failla, Barbara J. Torsney and the Late Joachim Failla. Cherished Brother of Salvatore Failla and Carmella Friscia. Dear Grandfather of Sarah J., Jacob C., Susan, Joseph, Michael, James, John Failla, Nicole M., Michael K. Russell, Emily E., Joseph P., Gianna M. Torsney and Maria Bonilla. Dear Great Grandfather of five.



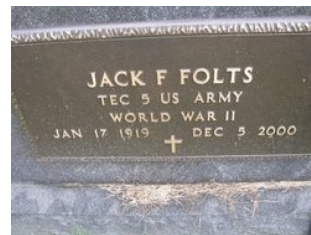
Richard C. Fancher, 79, of Johnson City, passed away peacefully with his family at his side on Monday, February 18, 2008, at the Willow Point Nursing Home.

Richard retired after many years of service as a

Master Sergeant with the Army National Guard in Binghamton.

He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Dolores Fancher; one daughter, Donna Seidel and her friend, Todd Bixby, Nineveh; one stepson, Jerry Whitmarsh; three grandchildren, Shane and his fiancée, Vicki, Stephanie and her friend, Jason, and Justin; one great-grandson, Jason Jr.; one sister and brother-in-law, Rita and Al Fendick, FL; many nieces, nephews, and cousins; and his special friend, his cat, Mitzi.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman.



John F. 'Jack' Folts, 81, of Jefferson St., Dansville passed away unexpectedly in the emergency room at Noyes Memorial Hospital in Dansville after being stricken at home. He was born in Dansville on Jan. 17, 1919, the son of the late Frederick H. and Frieda Towne Folts. On Sept. 27, 2000, Jack and his dear wife, the former Dorothy A. Baker, celebrated 53 years of marriage.

Jack was a WWII U.S. Army veteran.

He was a rural letter carrier for the Dansville Post Office, delivering the mail to RD #1 for 27 years before retiring in 1981. He was also formerly employed for the Berwin Paper Mill, Young Brothers Oil and was a former patrolman for the Dansville Police Department.

Jack was the oldest member of the Jackson Hose Company, a member of the Fearless Hook & Ladder Co. and a past chief of the Dansville Volunteer Fire Department, the WNY Volunteer Fireman's Association and the Livingston County Volunteer Fireman's Association.

He was a member of Daniel Goho Post #87, The American Legion of Dansville; the 40&8 of Livingston County; and Frank J. Casbolt VFW Post # 6780, also of Dansville.

Surviving in addition to his dear wife Dorothy are his two daughters Karen (Marlow) Henry and Lisa (Mike) Dugo, both of Dansville; five grandchildren, Shawn and Jared Henry and Jeremy, Brandon and Nicole Dugo, all of Dansville; several nieces and nephews.



Norman M. Forbes, Jr. passed away on 24 March, 2005.

He served in the US Army in Vietnam.



August L. Gardella was born April 3, 1913 in

West Hoboken, NJ the son of Agostino and Celestina (Rosasco) Gardella. He married Alice Ainslie on October 8, 1977 in Argyle, NY.

Augie served in the US Army during World War 2, and continued his service with the National Guard in Oneonta following his discharge.

For a period of 28 years, retiring in 1973, Augie was a rural letter carrier based out of the Oneonta Post Office. He was a member BPOE 1312, Oneonta American Legion Post 259, Italian American Club, Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree, and the Rural Letter Carriers Assoc.

He is survived by his wife, Alice Gardella of Oneonta; a brother, Edward Gardella of Shingle Springs, California as well as a granddaughter, Jennifer Luby and her daughter, Brianna and many nieces and nephews.

Joseph A. Geracitano, 89, of Arch Street in Green Island, died Thursday, March 8, 2007 at St. Mary's Hospital in Troy. He was the son of the late Antonio and Lena Pignanelli Geracitano, he had resided in Green Island for the last 62 years.

Joe served in the U.S. Army during World War II and had been selected several years ago to serve as the grand marshal of the Green Island Memorial Day Parade.

He had been employed for 30 years at the Watervliet Arsenal and retired in 1976 as the operations director of the supply division.

Joe was an accomplished trumpet player who played in many area bands and was a member of the Troy Musicians, Local 13.

He was a member of the Legnard-Curtin Post American Legion, the Italian Fraternal Society in Green Island and an avid golfer and bowler.

He was the loving father of Joseph (Maureen) Geracitano and David (Eileen) Geracitano, both of Green Island; and brother of Benjamin Geracitano of Burnt Hills. Joe is also survived by eight cherished grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Philip J. Giallombardo, age 88, passed away on 15 October, 2002.

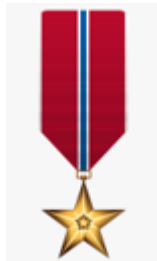
W.W. II and U.S. Army veteran.

Beloved husband for 53 years of Barbara (nee Amato); loving father of Patricia Black (husband Richard) and Bernadette Capriato (husband Ross); dearest grandfather of Nicole, Samantha and Rachel Capriato, Zachary, Daniel and Dillon Giorgis; dear brother of Basil, Joseph, Theresa Kulbokas, Rose Corniello and the late twin Frank, and Bessie Pintagro; dear uncle and great uncle of many.



Raymond W. Glowny passed away on September 17, 2001.

Husband of the late Lucille (nee Kaitanowski-Kina); dear father of Diana (Daniel) Feller; grandfather of Alisa, Sara, and Lara; brother of John (Irene), Casimir (late Florence), Helen (late Ted) Szkutak, Mary (late Walter) Nowtarski, Stanley (Mildred), Walter (Marie), and the late Leon (late Rose), Florence Glowny; also survived by nieces and nephews.

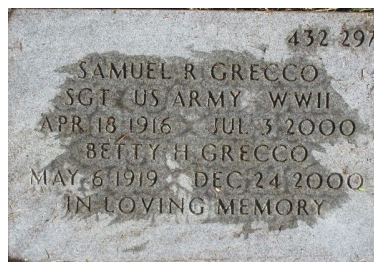


Dale G. Gould passed away on 03 November, 2009. He was a resident of Searcy, AR and was 85.

Edley H. Grayson, 80, died at his residence on Wednesday, August 23, 2000, following a 3-month illness.

A resident of Lorain, Ohio since 1939 and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

An employee for 42 years of the Open-Hearth Division and the B. O. P. Shop of U.S. Steel's Lorain Works before his retirement in 1982.



Samuel R. Grecco, 84, a resident since 1979 of Zephyrhills, Florida, passed away at Zephyr Haven Nursing Home on Monday, July 3, 2000.

A U.S. Army veteran of World War II and a life member of the VFW Post 510.

A retired Knitter in the textiles industry.

Survived by his wife, Betty; a son, John of Blue Springs, MO; a daughter, Joan Kyle of St. Petersburg, FL; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Bennett Greenhouse, 89, of St. Petersburg, passed away Dec. 9, 2008. Born in Passaic NJ, Bennett came here in 1984 from Elmwood Park NJ.

He served in the Army during World War II.

A retired salesman, he was a member of Congregation B'nai Israel, Jewish War Veterans and Knights of Pythias.

Survivors include his loving children, Martha and Dennis Vorob and Beverly and Stephan Perry; sister-in-law Elaine Glantz; cherished grandchildren, Elaine, George, Judy, Adam, Amanda & great-grandchildren Ari & Benjamin.



Marc L. Greer passed away on 21 November, 2004.



Walter Grigas, 83, passed away after a short illness, Dec. 21, 2002.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific. He was a Purple Heart recipient and member of the Disabled Veterans Association.

A graduate of the University of Akron, Mr. Grigas belonged to Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity and played on the football team, playing in the first football game held in the Rubber Bowl. Mr. Grigas had been the owner of Arlington Auto Wrecking.

He is survived by his sons, Joseph D., James L. (Marianne) and John A. (Donna); grandchildren, Katherine (Kyle) Batdorff, Joseph, Adam, James, Angela, Jessica, Cindy (Aaron) Brown, Amy Drotos; great-grandchild, Matthew Brown; brother-in-law, Kenneth Cox; niece, Charlene and nephews, Steve and Ariel.



Dr. Luther Carlisle (Luke) Hammond died at his home at Oak Hammock in Gainesville, Florida, on March 19, 2011. He was born January 17, 1921 in Seneca, SC. The first child of James Martin Luther Hammond and Selma Craig Hammond.

Luther graduated from Clemson College in June 1942 and was commissioned in the US Army as a 2nd Lieutenant. During World War II he served as a company commander in Okinawa and as an intelligence officer in Saipan.

After serving three years in the Pacific, Luther received a PhD in 1949 from Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. He moved to Gainesville, FL with his wife Dorothy in 1950.

Dr. Hammond was a teacher and researcher as a Professor of Soil Science at the University of Florida, College of Agriculture, from 1950 until his retirement in 1992. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Gainesville and a member and past-president of the Exchange Club. He retired as a Lt. Colonel from the Army Reserve in 1986.

He is survived by his sons, Craig Carlisle Hammond of Corcoran, CA, and Karl Martin Hammond of Durham, NC; sisters, Carmen Ford of Beaufort, SC and Genelle Camp of Atlanta, GA; brothers, Gary Franklin Hammond of Morganton, NC and Leigh Hugh Hammond of Raleigh, NC; five grandchildren and numerous nephews, nieces, great-nephews and great-nieces.



William Carson Harrell age 95, of Halls, died September 21, 2011 at Ben Atchely State Veterans Home. Born in Claiborne County, he was the eldest child of Charley and Thula (Coffey) Harell.

Carson was proud of his service in the U.S. Army during World War II. As a member of the 27th Division, he saw action in the Pacific Theater in the battles for Saipan and Okinawa. He was awarded two Purple Hearts for injuries he sustained in combat.

Shortly after his military discharge, he met the love of his life, Eva Neely, whom he married in 1948. They were married 43 years before her death in 1991. He was employed by R.&L. Brake and Supply Co. as the shop foreman for 33 years.

After retiring, he was a founding member of the East Tennessee Veterans' Honor Guard, and proudly volunteered for many years helping provide military funerals for veterans. He was also active in the DAV. Carson felt that helping others in whatever way he could was a privilege and a responsibility. Whether participating in military funerals to honor veterans, or sharing vegetables from his garden, he put his faith into action. He was a longtime member of Beaver Dam Baptist Church where he was in the Sanctuary Sunday School class and the Eager Beavers senior citizens. He was a man of integrity and compassion who will be dearly missed.

He is survived by daughter, Barbara T. Harrell; son, Charles S. (Buddy) Harrell; special nephew, Terry Lynn Harrell and wife Helen; and several other nieces, nephews and cousins as well as many friends.



Edwin Hartwig of Lowden, Iowa passed away on 19 July, 1998.

Solomon Hattem, 87, of Tamarac, FL died on June 2, 2001.



Ralph G. Hendrickson, Army retired, 83, passed away peacefully at his home May 28, 2001 with his family by his side.

He was a 22-year veteran of the U.S. Army and New York Army National Guard. Sgt. Hendrickson joined the Army April 14, 1941 and was assigned the 71st Horse Drawn Field Artillery Battalion of the 5th Armored Division prior to Pearl Harbor. In Europe he served as a member of General Patton's Ghost Troops which led the attack across France. Sgt. Hendrickson was awarded five Battle Stars; Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes Alsace, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Jean, Grand-Duke of Luxembourg awarded the 5th Armored Division the Guilded Cross of Honor of Military Merrit with Gold Palm as the 1st large Allied Unit to enter the Luxembourg Territory on the 9th of September 1944.

After his return to the U.S., Sgt. Hendrickson joined the N.Y.S. National Guard where he served until his retirement in 1972.

He was a 25+ years International Union Operating Engineer for local #106, Albany, N.Y.

His memberships include American Legion Post 80, Veteran of Foreign Wars Post #2332, President and Charter member NAUS Post #2 Southern Tier, past commander Post #11 27th Division NYNG Binghamton, 5th Armored Division Association, past chairman of Southern Tier Retiree Counsel of Fort Drum, N.Y., former member of the Antique Gas and Steam Engine Club, Maine, N.Y. and former member of the Model Airplane Club, Sidney, N.Y. He researched the WWII European Theater of Operations through correspondence with American and European Historians, culminating in his book, From Horses to Tanks; The Glory Days.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 53 years, Retha W. Hendrickson; son and daughter-in-law, Charles T. and Lolita Hendrickson, Harpursville; three daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and Perry Williamson, Binghamton, Mary Jane and Daniel Clune, Harpursville, Elizabeth and Daniel Ritzman, Jr., Binghamton; grandchildren, Phillip and Charles Hendrickson, Jr., Harpursville, Kathryn Heather, Jeffrey Williamson, Kirstie and Patricia Clune, Harpursville, Brandon Ritzman, Binghamton; a great-grandchild, Alexis Hendrickson; three sisters-in-law, Eleanor Hendrickson, Kirkwood, Doris Eagan, Oneonta, Mary Bell Thomas, El Paso, Tex.; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

George F. Herman, passed away on 10 February, 2001.

He was an Army Vet of WWII.

Beloved husband of the late Helen, nee Grutka and Rose, nee Dusik; loving father of Michele Rosario; caring grandfather of Alex Rosario; fond brother of the late Rudolph (Mildred), Frank, and Joseph (Eileen) Herman and Anna (Charles) Kabat; brother-in-law of Marie Herman; uncle to many.



Harry Clinton Hoffman, age 85 of Villa Rica, Georgia passed away October 17, 2021. He was born April 23, 1936 in Wells, New York, son of the late Clinton John Hoffman and the late Frances Tillock Pelcher Hoffman.

He proudly served and retired from the United States Army after 20 years.

He was a manager at General Electric where he had worked for 30 years.

He is survived by his wife, Janet Willner Hoffman of Villa Rica, GA; sons and daughter-in-law, Nathan and Sarah Hoffman of Arlington, TX and David Hoffman of Bedford, TX; two grandchildren, Sebastian Hoffman and Mason Hoffman; and sisters, Jo Ann Wiesner of Johnstown, NY, Sadie Goodemote of Gloversville, NY, Carolyn Weil of Gloversville, NY, Cindy Ponder of Weatherford, TX, and Penny Oliver of Prescott, AR.



Richard J. Holly, Sr. passed away on Sunday, December 13, 2020.

He served in the West End Armory National Guard as a part of their Minutemen drill team [*I have no idea what this means...*].

He retired from SUNY Binghamton after 23 years of service as a plumber and drove for Johnson City schools as a bus driver for a total of 11 years.

Dick was an avid hunter and fisherman, a lifetime Cowboys fan and a die-hard supporter of Dale Earnhardt Sr.

Dick was blessed to find the love of his life while in grammar school, Sandra Mae Kingsley. Having been married for 64 years, they were blessed with three children, five grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. Dick is survived by his loving wife, Sandra, his daughter, Rebecca and Ed Slavick, his sons Richard Holly Jr. and Mike and Sue Holly; and his grandchildren, Jennifer Walker (Eric), Benjamin Slavick (Stephanie), Matthew Slavick (Carolyn), Kathryn Holly and Michael Holly Jr. He is also survived by his great-grandchildren, Alana, Jacob, Owen, Kodi, Logan, Alicia, Tatum, Maddison, Isabell, Jonah and by his sisters Nancy Eddy and Laura Eschbach, and several nieces and nephews. Dick is survived by his recent companion that gave him many smiles, his lap dog Molly.



Alfred B. Homan, 78, Saint Henry, died at 9:19 a.m., at the Community Hospital. He was born to Theodore and Matilda (Braun) Homan.

He was decorated with the Purple Heart while serving in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was founder and chairman of the board of St. Henry Tile Co Inc.

He was a former Mercer County District Library trustee, a member and lay distributor to the sick at St. Henry Catholic Church and was a former St. Henry Consolidated Local Schools board member. He was a member of Knights of Columbus Third Degree, American Legion, Companions of the Precious Blood and Kiwanis Club, all of St. Henry, Disabled American Veterans of Mercer County, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Fraternal Order of Eagles, both of Coldwater, and Fourth Degree St. Gaspar de Buffalo Knights of Columbus, Minster.

He is survived by his wife, Bernadine; two sons, Robert (Connie), St. Henry, and Michael (Joyce), Greenville; seven daughters, Margaret (Keith) Gehle, Rockford, Jane (William) Woods, St. Henry, Susan (William) Freisthler, Southgate, MI, Donna (John) Bennett, Celina, Nancy (Gene) Subler, Berne, IN, Grace (Gene) Fortkamp, Fort Recovery, and Lisa (Matthew) Goodwin, Fort Worth, TX; four brothers, Victor (Esther) and Edwin (Luella), both Philothea, Thomas (Helen), Coldwater and Louis (Mildred), Dayton; five sisters, Martina (Carl) Uhlenhake, St. Henry, Mary Lou (Ralph) Klopfenstien, St. Marys, Helen (Richard) Trigg, Kimberly City, MO, Viola Muhlenkamp, St. Anthony, and Julianna, Celina; a sister-in-law, Vera, Minster; and thirty grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.



Richard C. Horn, 98, of Ft. Thomas, passed away on Thursday, January 18th at Highland springs of Ft. Thomas.

He was a retired Clerk with the United States Postal Service.

Richard was also a WWII combat veteran that served in the Pacific Theater with the 27th Infantry Division. Richard was extremely proud to serve our country and enjoyed sharing his stories with his family and friends.

He also enjoyed watching the University of Kentucky men's basketball games and always cheered on the Cincinnati Reds. Richard was a devoted husband, loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

Richard is survived by his son, Thomas (Kathleen) Horn; 4 grandchildren, Christy (David) Reed, Jennifer (Bill) Bohart, Shannon (John) Hartlaub & Michael Barone and 6 great grandchildren: Evan, Tanner, Abigail, Emma, Hayden & Shaun.

Clarence John Hyde, left this earthly existence June 8, 1999, while walking in the beauty of the San Rafael Swell, enjoying the history of Utah. Born July 24, 1919 in Crescent, Utah, to George Hena Bertha Dahl Hyde. Attended Jordan High School, and the University of Utah.

Served honorably in the Pacific Islands during World War II.

Married Eddus Abel October 12, 1949 in the Manti Temple. Blessed with three children, Sharee, Susan, and Marilyn.

Co-owner of Hyde's Garage, and retired from the Sandy Post Office in 1984. His greatest joy was his family and grandchildren. He enjoyed traveling and

studying the history of Utah.

Survived by Sharee (Stephen) Merkley, Herriman; Marilyn (Mike) Neff, Taylorsville; Susan, Sandy; grandchildren, Heath, serving an LDS Mission in Brazil; Ryan and Matt Merkley; Brett, Brenda, Bradley, and Brandon Neff; and sister, May Johnson.

William H. Isaac, Jr., passed away on 29 July, 2004. He was the son of the late William and Luella Wells Isaac.

He served in the Army for five years during WWII and fought at Guadalcanal.

For 34 years, he worked as a security guard for General Electric and retired in 1984.

He was a member of the 27th Division Association and the GE Quarter Century Club. Bill's activities included hunting, fishing and stamp collecting.



Henry "Tiny" Jackson, 96, of Rotterdam, passed away Friday, November 28, 2014.

Tiny held many offices in area veterans' organizations. Tiny was a member of the American Legion for 40 years. He was Vice Commander Post 21 from 1974-1976 and Commander Post 21 from 1976-1979, Past Sergeant-at-Arms and Past Chaplain Post 1092, Past Boys State Chairman Post 1092, Vice Commander Schenectady County 1977-1978, Commander Schenectady County 1978-1980, Sergeant-at-Arms 4th District 1980-1981,

and Sergeant-at-Arms NY State Dept. 1982-1986, Treasurer Schenectady County from 1993 until present.

He was a member of La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux (Society of 40 Men and 8 Horses) Honor Society from 1974 until present. Tiny was Commander Chef de Gare 1984, Treasurer Commissar Intendant 1989 present.

Tiny was involved with Veterans of Overseas of America 1998 to present, National Chaplain 1989 present, Post 16 Treasurer and Life Member.

Disabled American Veterans Lt. Vibret O. Fryer Chapter #88 1987-present Life member since 1989, Commander 1994-1996, Chaplain 119-1993, Treasurer 1998, State Executive Committee Representative.

He was part of the American Military Retirees Association 1987 to present, and was also involved in the Veteran of Foreign Wars 1968-present.

Tiny was involved the 27th Infantry Division Association since 1971, holding the positions of National Chaplain 1997-present and Schenectady Unit Treasurer.

His work with the Veterans Administration Volunteer Service including Stratton V.A. Medical Center, Shuttle Bus driver, and Volunteer at functions. Tiny was a member of the Rotterdam Elks Lodge, a Communicant of St. Helen's Church where he was an usher and on the finance committee.

He is survived by his wife, Jean (Comanzo) Jackson; four children, Donna (James) Strang of Rockville, MD, Deborah Ellis of Kansas City, MO, Ora (John) Henkes of Colonie, NY and Donald (Kelley) Bell of Medford, NY; and 10 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.



Edward Jodlowski passed away on 29 February, 2006.

He served as a Technical Sgt. in the US Army in WWII.

He was a Past National Commander of the 27th Division Association.



John S. Jones, 88, of Glenville, NY, passed away Wednesday, May 9th, after a brief illness at Ellis Hospital, Schenectady, NY. He was a resident at Judson Meadows Assisted Living Community in Glenville, NY. John was born April 23, 1930 in Cambridge, NY. Originally from Granville, NY, John moved to Schenectady, NY in 1939. He graduated from Mont Pleasant High School and Empire State College.

John served in the National Guard and the Army Reserve. He retired with the rank of Colonel.

John worked as a Senior Specifications Writer for the New York State Department of General Services until his retirement.

John was active his entire life in a multitude of phil-

anthropic endeavors. He embraced his passion for helping others and had made numerous great friends throughout his lifetime. John's work is done here, but his legacy and memories of John will live on. He was a straight forward stand-up person. John served in numerous organizations, held prestigious titles, and received numerous awards. John was the past Grand High Priest of the Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York. He was the past Grand Marshall of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. John was a past Master of the Schenectady lodge #1174 Free and Accepted Masons. He was also the past Sovereign Prince in the Scottish Rite.

He is survived by his first cousin, Donald (Carmel) Parry of Scotia, NY.



Alden H. Knapp (US Army Retired) went to meet his maker on June 7, 2017. He was born February 24, 1941, the sixth child of Louis and Dorothy (Murdock) Knapp. He graduated from Oneonta High School (59') in Oneonta, NY.

He enlisted in the US Army National Guard in 1959 serving his country for 40 years and retiring as a Sgt First Class.

He worked for 25 years at Hartwick College as a supervisor of housing maintenance. He loved his job and all the students that he came in contact with.

Alden held all positions in the Odd Fellow and was a Cub Master and Boy Scout leader.

On April 30, 1966 he married the love of his life, Mary Cargill Knapp. Upon retirement, Alden and Mary traveled the USA in their motor home. They spent several winters in Victoria, TX as "Winter Texans" before deciding to settle there permanently when dementia set in.

They had three sons, David (Pamela), Thomas (Alison) and Gregory (Jodi) Knapp. He has nine grandchildren, Tabetha Knapp, Kayliegh (Mark) Rerdon, Marirah Tuzar, Catherine Knapp, Corey Knapp, Zachariah and Asa James Knapp, Noah Cross and Tessa Tigar-Cross. He was also blessed with two great-grandchildren; Alexandria and Corey Barnhart. His boys always came first. He showed them how to build an eleven-room log home. His boys always valued his advice in repairing their own homes. Alden is also survived by sisters, Marion Dargon, Lillian (Robert) Milke, Shirley (Douglas) Bennett and Karen Knapp, as well as a brother, Robert Knapp.



Peter Kozak passed away on Saturday, July 13, 2019 at Lourdes Hospital in Binghamton, New York. Peter was a lifelong resident of Johnson City, New York.

He served with and retired from the US Army National Guard in 1986.

His favorite hobbies were hunting, fishing and stock car racing.

He is survived by his three children and their spouses, 8 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, one sister, several nieces and nephews and many dear friends.

William J. Krajcirik Sr., 92, of Lansford, died Saturday 17 February, 2008 in the St. Luke's Miners Memorial Hospital, Coaldale. Born in Lansford on Oct. 22, 1915, he was a son of the late Tobias and Anna (Kabat) Krajcirik. William was an eighth-grade graduate of the St. Michael Parochial School, Lansford,

and a 1934 graduate of the former Lansford High School.

He served in the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1935 and 1936.

He entered the Army on June 5, 1941, took basic training at Camp Croft, SC, and was then sent to Fort McClellan, AL, to serve with Company G, 105th Infantry, 27th Division, until May 1945. He served in Hawaii and the Battle of Saipan.

On return from serving in the Army, he worked for the Pennsylvania Power and Light Company for 33 years before retiring. He worked at the former No. 6 Colliery in 1940 and 1941.

He was a former member of the Carbon County Beagle Club and an avid supporter of the Lansford Recreation Pool.

He was a hunter and dog trainer, having primarily trained fox hounds and beagles. He was a fox hound field judge in the northeast and Canada, and a member of the Mason Dixon Fox Hunters, Pa. State Fox Chasers Association, Pa. Dog Owners Protective Association and Tamaqua Dog Training Club. He had also been active in hunting and dog legislation.

He was an avid swimmer and was a distance runner from 1950-71.

He is survived by his wife Masha (Sweetak) Krajcirik, a daughter, Roberta Anita Krajcirik of East Stroudsburg; a son, Dr. William Krajcirik, an anesthesiologist in New Orleans, LA; two sisters, Mildred Smith of Orlando, FL, and May Fredericks of Lansford; a brother-in-law, Andrew Sweetak of Gaston, MD; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.



Albert A. Kuehl passed away on 21 March, 2001. He was born on 19 September, 1919 and is interred at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis, MN.



Paul M. Kurkowski passed away on 03 February, 2000. He was born on 10 October, 1915.



Paul M. LaBella passed away in Carmel, New York on September 6, 2012.

A native of Port Chester, New York, he was the son of Angelo and Mary Jane LaBella, also from Port Chester. Paul graduated from Port Chester High School in 194.

He entered the US Army to serve during WWII in the Pacific arena, achieving the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Returning to Port Chester after the war, he met and married Rita Garafalo on June 6, 1948. Paul was a retired insurance agent for both Metropolitan Life and Prudential Life Insurance companies.

Paul was a lifelong parishioner of Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Port Chester, a member of the Knights of Columbus, a Past Commander of VFW Post 1576 and a past Planning Commission Chairman for the Village of Port Chester. He received a Presidential Commendation from President Clinton for over 50 years of service to Veterans.

Paul is survived by his wife of 64 years, Rita, and their four children, Janice Studwell (Craig), Susan Tullipano (Ken), Paul A. (Karen) and Michael (Deborah), along with 8 grandchildren, Gillian, Matthew, Megan, Michael, Jeffrey, Christopher, Gregory and Kaitlin. Also survived by his sisters, Catherine Calautti, Sadie Mecca, May Jane Lagano, brother Daniel and 24 nieces and nephews.

Gordon “Frenchy” LaJuene of Schenectady, NY passed away on 09 March, 2011.

Stephen Lamka of Pawtucket, RI passed away on 12 December, 2000.



Salvatore D. Landrio, 93, of Gloversville, passed away at home December 18, 2011, with his loving family at his side. He was born January 13, 1918 in Astoria, New York City, son of the late Frank and Anna Landrio. He was raised by an aunt and uncle, Tom and Ida Leggins. Sal graduated Gloversville High School in 1936.

He was drafted into the Army in 1941. He eventually entered Officers Candidate School, graduated, and became an instructor for new recruits. After his discharge in 1945, he served in the Army Air Force Reserves until 1978, retiring as a Major.

A well-known and accomplished musician, Sal played the saxophone and clarinet in high school and also with Army bands while in the service. He continued his love for music with area and local bands playing big band era music for several years.

Mr. Landrio began an apprenticeship with the former Louis Meyers & Son Glove Co. learning table cutting leather. He also worked for General Electric Co. as an assembler for ten years. In 1964, Mr. Landrio began work as a table cutter, at the Grandoe Glove Co., retiring in 1998. He had also worked for a time in retirement at Perrella Gloves.

As a member of the Fulton County Board of Supervisors and Chairman in 1985, Mr. Landrio was instrumental in the development of three industrial parks and earned Gloversville one of the state's first economic development zones. In 2000, the city of Gloversville named a street after him, Sal Landrio Drive.

Mr. Landrio had been a member of the Catholic War Veterans, Knights of Columbus, American Legion, VFW, 55 plus seniors, Fulton County Ethics Board, Holy Name Society of the Church of the Holy Spirit and instrumental in beginning the bingo program at church.

A sports enthusiast, he enjoyed going to Gloversville High School basketball games, where his son Don coached.

Devoted to family, Sal's loving survivors include his wife Catherine Martini Landrio of Gloversville, whom he married August 13, 1946. His three children: Sally Landrio, Donald Landrio Marijean and James Landrio Kelly all of Gloversville. He is also survived by grandchildren: Anthony Landrio Amanda, Gina Landrio, Melissa Davie Chris, and Michelle Landrio and her fiancé' Seth Brown. Additional survivors include a great grandson Shea Michael Davie born December 4, 2011, a sister, Ida DiGiacomo of Florida, a half- sister Mildred Donato of Meco, a half-brother Johnny Landrio of New York City, several nieces and nephews.



Gerald O. "Jerry" LaSalle, 87, died peacefully October 4, 2008 surrounded by his loving family and friends. A lifelong area resident, Jerry enlisted in the U.S. Army at the age of 17, serving from 1940 to 1945.

He served meritoriously with the 27th Infantry Division, known as the Island Hoppers, receiving multiple Purple Hearts and Bronze Stars for his actions in many battles.

Jerry worked for the U. S. Government his entire career, retiring from the Watervliet Arsenal in 1980.

Jerry loved playing baseball and was a member of the Old Timers Baseball Association. An extremely active man, his memberships included founding member of the Tri City Umpires Association, a lifetime member of VFW Post 357, Rotterdam Elks Lodge 2157, Rotterdam Sons of Italy, past president of the Rotterdam Seniors. He was also active in numerous community activities.

He is survived by his daughters, "the three jewels", Linda (Paul) Maratto of Saratoga Springs, Debra (Robert) Gonda, and Lori (Raju) Metherate, all of Orange County, Calif.; grandchildren, Michael Maratto, Lauren and Jeffrey Gonda, Alexand Lila Metherate; his longtime companion, Ruth Lanoue of Rotterdam. He is also survived by several nieces, nephews and cousins.



Raymond Eugene Laughlin, 90, of Lexington, husband of Margaret Glass Laughlin, died Saturday, October 2, 2010. He was the son of the late George William and Pearl Allen Laughlin and was a retired salesman with Interstate Battery.

He was also a U.S. Army veteran of WWII.

Besides his wife, survivors include a son, Kenneth (Marcia)Laughlin, Lexington; a sister, Cordelia Blakeman, Lexington; two grandchildren, Carrie and Angie Laughlin; a nephew, David Ray Laughlin and a niece, Carole Jean Hillard.



Samuel Clarence LeBlanc Sr. passed away on Monday, December 9, 2002.

Companion of Mary A. Johnson. Father of Leslie Henderson, Shelia Washington, Joseph, Linda, Robin, Calvin, Elyria, Angelic, Marshall, Kim, Crystal and Samuel C. LeBlanc Jr, Gloria Wallace, Catherine Thomas, Dominique Taylor and Anthony Johnson. Son of the late Angelina Jackson and Simon LeBlanc. Brother of the late Morris, Isdell, Ishmel, and Junior Wallace and Henry Griffin. Wife by previous marriage, Shirley LeBlanc. Also survived by 33 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, a host of sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



Joseph “Joe” A. Leopold of Nada died November 26, 2007 at the age of 83. He was born on January 16, 1924, in Nada, to the late Arthur and Mary Heine Leopold.

He was the owner of Leopold's Service in Nada.

He was a decorated WWII Army veteran having served in the Pacific Theater.

He was a member of St. Mary's Church and Choir, the Knights of Columbus, and the VFW.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline Labay Leopold of Nada; daughters, Genevieve Otto and husband Willis of Richmond, Jeanette Schoenfield and husband Gary of El Campo, Barbara Raby and husband Mark of Round Rock, and Mary Liberati and husband Ralph of Maryland; sons, Kenneth Leopold and wife Mary of El Campo, Ronald Leopold and wife Margaret of El Campo, Anthony Leopold and wife Becky of Taiton, Chris Leopold and wife Tina of Nada, and Mark Leopold and wife Frances of East Bernard; grandchildren, Carrie Otto-Farmer and husband Clayton, Frances Otto, Amy Vela, Denise and Darin Leopold, Sara Richards and husband Jon, Jill Korenek and husband Kyle, Eric, Katy, Neal and Jason Schoenfield, Troy, Abby and

Hailey Leopold, Misty Ortiz and husband Robby, R.J. Armstrong, Nathan and Joseph Raby, Ralph and Lauren Liberati; great-grandchildren, Makena and Morgan Farmer, Trent and Landon Richards; brothers, Aloysious Leopold of Boerne, Frederick and Arthur Leopold of Nada; sisters, Bernice Popp, Beatrice Schoellmann, Agatha Gold of Nada, and Martha Goertz of Rockne.



Gordon C. Light, 81, died Thursday, August 30, 2018 at his home. Born in Schenectady he was the son of the late William and Mae (Belouin) Thimineur. Gordon attended LaSalle Military Academy in Troy, and graduated from Nott Terrace High School.

He attended Simmons School of Embalming and received a degree in Mortuary science as a funeral director. He served his residency with Light's Funeral Home, Inc. in 1958, becoming a licensed funeral director in 1959. In 1962 Mr. Light moved to Ellenville and was Manager of Loucks Funeral Home, Inc. for one year. In 1963 he was employed as a director for Havey's Funeral Home in Yonkers, NY, where they sent him to the Order of the Golden Rule Management School in Chicago. Upon return, he became Manager of Havey's Funeral Home until 1967. In 1967, Mr. Light was appointed Secretary/Treasurer of Light's Funeral Home, Inc. Schenectady until 1974 when he became owner and president of the funeral home. Mr. Light has been a funeral director for over 58 yrs. serving the needs of Schenectady's families. Mr. Light retired on Jan 1, 2004 from Light's Funeral Home.

Mr. Light is a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 201 and was elected the youngest Grand Knight ever for the 1971 and 1972. He has been a member of Schenectady Kiwanis since 1968 and has worked on many committees. He was a part of a group to start the first Auto Show in Schenectady at the Schenectady Armory.

He is a member of the National Funeral Directors Assn., a member of the New York State Funeral Directors Assn., and past president for the years 1971 to 1973 of the Schenectady County Funeral Directors Assn. He was a member of the Federated Funeral Directors of America. He was a member of the former Schenectady County Deputy Sheriffs Assoc. and President in 1973 and 1974. He was a chairman of St. Claire's building fund drive in 1972-1973. Also, a sustaining member of the New York State Chiefs of Police. Assoc. He was a former member of the Schenectady County Chamber of Commerce. A member of the American Cancer Golf Day Committee in 1976, 1977, and 1978. (Fund raising). He is a former member of the Board of Trustees of the Annie Schaffer Senior Citizens Center and past president for over 36 yrs. retiring in 2000. Mr. Light also served on the committee to build Schaffer Heights and the purchasing the former Sealtest Plant for the Senior Center. He was formerly on the Board of Trustees of the Heritage Home for Women. He served as President for two years. He was on the Board for 40 years, retiring on January 2012. Mr. Light is a former member of the Edison Club and a member of the 27th Division association, Inc. He is former member of the Mohawk Club and a former member of the Board of Trustees. He also was elected to the Board of Directors of The Village Meadows Condominium Assoc. in 2011 where he resided and served as Vice President. Mr. Light has also served on many sub-committees for his church and many charitable organizations. Mr. Light was elected to the Schenectady City Council in 1980 and serviced four years as a councilman. As a councilman Mr. Light was chairman of all claims brought against the City of Schenectady. He also served on the Parks and Recreation committee.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Janet F.

(Kopec) Light of Niskayuna; two daughters, Dana (Glenn Schneider) Light of Rotterdam, Deborah Beatty of Clifton Park; one son, Daniel (Kelly) Light of Scotia; one sister, Marilyn (Manny) Arago-sa of Glenville; one grandson, Sean Beatty of Boulder, CO; one granddaughter, Hallie Beatty of Clifton Park; also, many nieces and nephews.



Allen Lighthall was born in Utica, NY on May 6, 1918 to parents Frederick and Marion (Allen) Lighthall. Seven years later he and his family moved to Syracuse, NY. He attended elementary school and Nottingham High School in Syracuse prior to entering Syracuse University in 1936. At the University he was the goalie on the varsity lacrosse team.

He joined the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program as well and in 1940 was commissioned a Second Lieutenant. After completing two years of Law School, he was ordered to active duty in the Infantry for World War II and was initially stationed at Fort McLellan, Alabama. Allen served as a company grade officer for the better part of 4 ½ years. Overseas for 3 ½ of these, he served in the Pacific, seeing combat action on Makin, Saipan, Eniwetok, and Okinawa.

At war's end he returned to Law School and graduated in 1946 as number one in his class. Armed with his AB, LLD, (and later JD) degrees, he then practiced law for 3 years in Binghamton, NY.

In 1950 he married Clare Louise Lull and rejoined the Army for a career, this time in the Judge Advocate General's Corps instead of the Infantry.

He was immediately sent to the Pentagon for 2 months and then he served as an Instructor at the US Military Academy at West Point for a 3-year tour. After that he and Clare were sent to Germany where their first son, John Allen, was born. Tragically, he died in infancy. Their second son, John Christopher, was also born in Germany. Son Peter Michael joined them in their next station, Charlottesville, VA.

Allen was a Staff Judge Advocate employed in many capacities for the First Cavalry Division and the Air Defense Command, as Counsel to the Okinawa Civil Administration, Military Judge, and several other legal assignments in Korea and Greenland.

Colonel John A. Lighthall, Staff Judge Advocate, Fort Devens, MA retired August 31, 1974, after 34 years of active service in the United States Army, including the Army Reserves. The highlights of his military career were: teaching cadets at the US Military Academy in West Point, NY; assignments as a military judge; and legal advisor to the high commissioner of the Ryukyu Islands. His military schooling included enrollment in the Judge Advocate General Advanced Course, University of Virginia Charlottesville. Colonel Lighthall's military decorations include: The Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster and V Device; the Army Commendation Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters; the American Defense Medal; the American Campaign Medal; the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign medal; the WW II Victory Medal; the Army of Occupation Medal (Germany); the National Defense Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster; the Armed Forces Reserve Medal; the Legion of Merit, and the Combat Infantry Badge.

Upon retiring, Allen and Clare moved to Manches-

ter, NH, where they lived for 35 years. He worked for the Governor's Commission on Crime and Delinquency of the State of New Hampshire in Concord and then taught Business Law for 16 years at New Hampshire College Graduate School of Business (now SNHU).

Although he played an enthusiastic game of golf, Allen's chief hobby was genealogy. He has researched his family heritage and belonged to a number of genealogical societies, including the Society of the Cincinnati, the Society of Colonial Wars, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Old Plymouth Colony Descendants, the Descendants of Colonial Clergy, the Dutch Settlers of Albany, and several others. He was an officer in several of the organizations and he truly enjoyed preparing and delivering thoughtful historical lectures.

Allen was a kind and loving husband and father who enjoyed spending time with his family and traveling the world. He spent many hours working in his vegetable garden, baking fantastic bread and watching his sons and granddaughters play in their sporting events.

Surviving Family members include two sons, John C. Lighthall and his wife, Ellen of Bow and their children, Jennifer L. Lighthall and Megan E. Lighthall of Bow and Peter M. Lighthall and his wife, Diana of Hopkinton and grandchildren, J. Alexander Lighthall and Andrew J. Lighthall of Baltimore, VT and Emily L. Lighthall of Hopkinton.

Robert W. Lincoln, 85, of Amsterdam, passed away Wednesday April 27, 2016 at Samaritan Hospital in Troy with his family at his side. Born in Taunton, MA on October 7, 1930 a son of Raymond and Irene Willis Lincoln.

He served in the US Army National Guard.

He completed Draftsman and Machinist Apprentice programs at GE and studied engineering at Union College in Schenectady, NY. He was employed as a Manufacturing Engineer at GE and Intermagnetics General Corporation before retiring in 1990.

He is survived by three daughters, Laurie E. Lincoln of Troy, NY, Deborah (Richard) Huebner of Simsbury, CT, and Robin Lincoln (Alfred) Pasquale of San Rafael, CA. Two grandsons, Michael (Tina) Huebner and Matthew Huebner.



Robert J. "Bob" Loccia, 73 a lifelong St. Johnsville resident passed away peacefully on Wednesday December 2, 2015 at his home with his loving family by his side. He was born January 14, 1942 in Little Falls the son of the late Eralio and Mary (Covuoto) Loccia. Bob was educated in St. Johnsville and furthered his education in Electrical and HVAC through B.O.C.E.S., completing the course on June 22, 1990.

His marriage to Sherry Schafer took place on September 28, 1968 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in St. Johnsville.

Mr. Loccia was a United States Marine Corps. veteran, enlisting on August 31, 1961 and was honorably discharged on December 17, 1965 with the rank of Corporal. In 1976 Bob was enlisted in the New York Army National Guard, being active until his illness.

For over 26 years, Bob was employed as the maintenance Supervisor for the St. Johnsville Housing Authority, retiring on April 1, 2015. Prior to that he was employed for the Village of St. Johnsville. From 1987 to 1988 he worked for the former Momentum Tech, Inc. in Herkimer. He was employed at the former MDS in Herkimer from 1968 to 1987, and from 1966 to 1968 he worked on the Highway Department for the Town of St. Johnsville.

Mr. Loccia was of the Catholic faith, and was an active member of the American Legion Morris J. Edwards Post 168, and the Fort Plain Earl Stock Post 3275. Bob was also a life member of the Marine Corps League of Herkimer County.

He was a true family man that centered his life around his wife, children and grandson. An avid outdoorsman, Bob enjoyed hunting and fishing and the quality time he spent with his family at their camp on Cleveland Lake in New York. In his leisure he found much pleasure cooking for his family and loved ones.

Survivors include his loving wife of 47 years, Sherry; his devoted children, Robert P. Loccia of St. Johnsville, and Scarlett Hurteau and husband Jeremy of Fort Plain; his cherished grandson, Hunter K. Loccia and his companion Kaitlin Willis of Meco, NY; a sister, Sharon Flanders and her companion Richard Carter of St. Johnsville; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. He also leaves behind his four grand puppies, Stella Puppy, Buddy, Lana and Luci.



Albert J. Mack, of Penn Hills, passed away on Friday, December 23, 2016.

Another service member of the "Greatest Generation" has joined the departed. US Army SSgt. Mack fought for our freedom at Okinawa. He now joins his actual military siblings who also served our great nation: Walter, Edward and Regis Mack.

He is also survived by his only sister Louise Conforti. Albert was the father of Robert (Marilyn), Donald (Joy) and the late Raymond (surviving Barbara) Mack and Kathy (Lee) Slagle;

grandfather of Brian (Laura), Aimee Mack, Kristie Knight, Chrissy (Kevin) Asterito, Danielle (Mike) McCoy and Taylor Slagle; great-grandfather of Kaitlin, Kara, Kaytlyn, Kayla, Hunter, Dylan, Emilee Rae, Ethan and Noah; also survived by many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews.



George J. Macy, Sr., 84 of Russell Court, died Friday, September 18, 2015 at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Albany. Born in Troy, he was the son of Charles E. Macy and Beatrice Brown Macy.

George was a United States Army veteran serving during the Korean War.

A lifelong Troy resident, George was a mason at the former Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corp now Altech in Watervliet for 43 years, retiring in 1992.

He was a member of the Lansingburgh Tibbitts Cadets and the Wynantskill American Legion Post. He enjoyed watching boxing and old movies.

Survivors include his son George J. Macy, Jr. (Debbie) of Brunswick, three daughters Ilene Horvath (Joseph) of Florida, Donna Atkinson (William) of Pittstown, E. Gayle VanDenburgh (late Frank) of Brunswick, twelve grandchildren, and 25 great grandchildren.



Nathan April "Nunny" Madnick, formerly of the area, passed away on Tuesday, April 24, 2018, surrounded by family and friends. He was 99

years old.

He owned and operated Madnick's Bakery with his sister Esther, and wife Mollie.

Nunny was a World War II Veteran and was awarded a Purple Heart medal along with several others.

He was a member of the South Fallsburg Hebrew Association and former Fire Chief of the Fallsburg Fire Department, where he served for over 30 years.

In his younger days he was an avid ice fisherman and loved to go snowmobiling as well as hunting.

Survivors include his two sons; Sam Madnick (Nancy) and Jan Madnick, 4 grandchildren; Trevor; Tracey Madnick Marcus, Seth Madnick, and Troy & Trevor Doelling, and 5 great grandchildren; Mollie Bess, Sadie Leigh, Chole Nelle and Maranda & Dillion Doelling, as well as several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.



Lonnie Victor Malatino of Clearwater, FL passed away on 11 January, 2022.

He served in the US Army in Vietnam.



E. Westcott "Wes" Mangine, 90, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 27, 2017, at the Van Rensselaer Manor following a brief illness. Born on June 22, 1926, in Albany, he was the son of William J. and Elizabeth D. Mangine.

Wes graduated from Christian Brothers Academy, Niagara University with a bachelor's in history; Siena College with a master's in education; and The University at Albany with a master's in educational administration.

Mr. Mangine held four permanent educational certifications, teaching English and citizenship, secondary school principal, superintendent of schools and school district administration. Wes served as chief school administrator with 27.5 years at Minerva Central School; at retirement was the longest tenured superintendent of Schools in New York State.

Wes authored various articles in national, state and local educational professional journals during his career as a school administrator. In addition, Wes was instrumental in planning and implementing two school additions at Minerva Central. Mr. Mangine was a life member both of the New York State School Superintendent's Council and the State Educators Association. He was president of the North Eastern Zone and elected to their Hall of Fame. Mr. Mangine was always active in community affairs including Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Fire Company, Lions Club, American Legion, Minerva Historical Society, Minerva Snowmobile Club and the Minerva Youth Commission, Marcy Athletic League, Adirondack Health Association, Essex County School Boards Association and many others. Wes was President of the Marcy Athletic League for three terms. Mr. Mangine was a charter member of the Minerva Lions Club, the Minerva Civic League and helped organize the Minerva library. In addition, he held office and board directorships for many community and professional organizations.

Wes was passionate about the military, U.S. Army, Army football and the American flag. Named for Adjutant General Westcott, Wes was a general officer in the U.S. National Guard, retiring as a Major General.

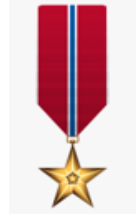
He received the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, and the Honorable Service Lapel But-

ton World War II. He received unit citations from the Reserve Officer's Association and served at the U.S. Army Logistics Management Center. Wes served as the U.S. Military Academy West Point liaison, helping many young men and women enter West Point. Mr. Mangine received recognition from Governors Hugh Carey (1981) and Mario Cuomo (1986) for conspicuous service to the people of New York State. President Richard Nixon (1973) sent a Certificate of Appreciation to Wes for service to the U.S.A. A flag flew over the U.S. Capitol for Wes' dedication.

He owned an authentic Army Jeep that was part of many Adirondack Memorial and Veteran's Day parades. Wes' name was inscribed on the U of Albany Veteran's Wall of Honor in the Main Library on the U of Albany Campus and on the Veteran wall at Atria Guilderland. Both the Rensselaer County Veteran Hall of Fame and the Minerva Veterans Memorial Park honored Wes' service. Wes received a 64-year continuous membership certificate from the American Legion in July, 2016. Mr. Mangine enthusiastically participated in the Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. to visit the World War II memorial in October 2013.

He began stamp collecting in his youth and upon retirement, opened up the Silver Eagle Stamp Company specializing in rare American stamps. Wes loved bird watching and had an extensive bird house collection in Minerva. He collected antique car replicas and loved Hershey's chocolate bars. He enjoyed giving Westcott rulers to many friends and acquaintances.

He is survived by his loving children, Paula (Chase) Pugliese, Ed (Clare) Mangine. Proud grandfather of Karen (Wayne), Kent (Isela), Seton (Sean), Maeve and Olana. He is also survived by his sister, Bettina Lanahan and several nieces and nephews.



John Joseph McCaslin, 89, of the Passavant Retirement Community in Zelienople, formerly of Renfrew, died on Monday 22 December, 2008 at UPMC Passavant, Cranberry Township. Born June 4, 1919, in Butler, he was the son of the late Wilbert J. McCaslin and the late Barbara Hutchison McCaslin. Mr. McCaslin was a graduate of the Butler High School class of 1937 and a graduate of Geneva College, the University of Pittsburgh and George Washington College.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, having fought in the Battle of Makin and the Battle of Saipan, earning the Bronze Star during the Battle of Saipan.

Mr. McCaslin began a 31-year career at the YMCA in 1946 as youth director in Sewickley and Butler. He then served as executive director in Butler from 1954 to 1969, then as executive director at the Reed House YMCA in Philadelphia and the Chemung County YMCA in Elmira, NY, retiring in 1977. Following eight years as house manager for the Chemung County, NY, ARC, he and his wife, Helen, retired in 1985 and returned to Butler a year later.

Mr. McCaslin was the past president, secretary and pianist of the Butler Kiwanis Club; past president of the state YMCA Senior Citizen Clubs; founder, past president and pianist of the Butler County Family YMCA MORA Club; past president of Meridian Senior Citizens; executive director for 15 years of the YMCA Industrial Management Club; executive director for 15 years of the Butler Area Council of Churches; past president of the Harbison Chapter of Retired YMCA Directors; and a member of the UCT, the Butler Gideons and the Meridian Veterans Club. Mr. McCaslin also was a choir member

of churches in Meridian, Somerdale, N.J., Horseheads, N.Y., and Saint Andrews in Butler. He was a member of the Who's Who in American Colleges. Mr. McCaslin, along with his wife, received the Good Samaritan Award in 2002.

Mr. McCaslin enjoyed gardening, table tennis, golf, playing the organ and piano, traveling, playing baseball in his youth with the Meridian United Presbyterian Church and his lifetime health club membership at the Butler County Family YMCA.

Mr. McCaslin is survived by his wife, Helen Heist McCaslin, whom he married June 28, 1946; a son and his wife, John J. and Joyce McCaslin of Renfrew; three daughters, Margaret Ann and her husband, Dave Schlichter, of Spring Grove, Rebecca McCaslin of Runnemede, NJ, and Mary Lou and Kerry Osterman of Voorhees, NJ; 13 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one step-great-grandchild; his sister, Mrs. Albert (Mary Margaret) Robinson of Newville; and numerous nieces and nephews.



Joel W. Meader, 69, of Country Club Drive, died Wednesday, February 5, 2002 at his home. Born in Ballston Lake, Mr. Meader had lived in Rexford since 1971.

He was a veteran of the United States Army and a 20-year member of the New York National Guard before he retired as a lieutenant colonel.

Joel worked for more than 20 years for NYNEX in Albany, retiring in 1992.

Also, he was a former member of the Albany Curling Club and the Midway Fire Department in Coltonie.

Survivors include his wife, Eva Jane McLaughlin Meader; two daughters, Valerie Sandroni and her husband Ronald of Glenville and Marybeth Wall and her husband John of Hingham, MA;

three grandchildren, Isabella Sandroni, Ronald Sandroni and Elaine Wall; two sisters, Jane Nye of Ballston Lake and Nancy Fonda of Saratoga Springs; and two brothers, Jerry Meader of Brant Lake and John Meader of Clifton Park.

Thomas W. Michaels age 93, passed away Saturday, May 7, 2011 after a brief illness.

He was a decorated World War II veteran having served in the U.S. Army.

Thomas was retired from Bechtel Corporation.

A nature enthusiast, landscape gardening was his favorite hobby. He was also very passionate about animals. He daily cared for his four cats and nothing gave him more pleasure than feeding and watching the deer, birds, and squirrels that visited his home.



George F. Midthun, age 86, of Richfield passed away on 02 July, 2006.

Served in the US Army in WWII.

Survived by son, Jim Midthun & wife Mary; daughter, Cathy Rivard & husband Marc; grandchildren, Dustin Midthun, Michelle Jaeger, Brandon Midthun and Amanda Midthun; great-grandchildren, Joschlyn & Ryan Jaeger and Sonny Midthun; many relatives and friends.



Matthew Miller, 84, of Hillcrest, died Friday, March 7, 2014, at his home. He was a graduate of St. Paul's High School.

He served in the National Guard for 13 years.

He was a retired employee of the IBM Corporation.

He was also a member Endicott member and secretary of the Binghamton Bowling Association, as well as the Elks.

He is survived by a daughter, Janice McDuffee; his granddaughter, Debra Kellar, Hillcrest; great-grandchildren, Cody Wells, Shawn Wells, Hailey Wells; two sisters, Shirley and Phillip Casiuk, Theresa and Joseph Horvatt; several nieces and nephews; a son-in-law, Gerald Kellar.



Robert Russell (Sonny) Miller Sr., died Sunday, Aug. 28, 2005 at St. Clare's Hospital in Schenectady following a long illness. He was 81. He was born in Guilderland, the son of the late Russell and Nellie Miller.

He was a United States Army veteran and served on Saipan and Okinawa.

He worked for the New York Telephone Company for 40 years and was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America.

Survivors include five children, Barbara Pahl and her husband, Robert; Rose Lee and her husband, Randy; Gail Miller and Thaddeus Randazzo; Robert Miller Jr. and his wife, Mary; and Wayne Miller and his wife Jennifer. He is also survived by nine grandchildren, Michelle and Carl Pahl, Alex and Jenni Rosen, Justin (Dori), Rebecca, Jordan, Nicholas and Chandler Miller, as well as by several nieces and nephews.



Ernest J. “Ernie” Molinari passed away October 6, 2003 in Santa Rosa at the age of 91. Ernie was born, raised and educated in San Francisco and spent the last 30 years in Sonoma County.

He served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II receiving the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

He will be dearly missed. Ernie is survived by his son Michael (Jenny) Molinari; daughter Melissa Johnson; 8 grandchildren: Joyce Molinari, Allen Molinari, Sandra (David) Gardner, Casey Harper, Matthew (Liz) Harper, Lynne Harper, Ryan Harper, Judy Harper; and 8 great-grandchildren.



Earl L. Mills, age 89, of Westerville, passed away Sunday, February 19, 2006 at Mt. Carmel St. Ann's Hospital.

Army Staff Sgt. Veteran of WW II.

Retired from Defense Construction Supply Center.

Survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Ronda; children, Sharon Slack, Linda Manders, Earlene (Craig) Holman, and Tim (Vickie) Mills; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great-grandchildren; 2 sisters and 2 nephews.

John T. Moir III, 80, of Austin, Texas, died Tuesday 25 May, 1999 in Austin, Texas. Born in Paia, Maui, Hawaii. He was an industrial engineer and agronomist throughout the world.

He is survived by wife Irene A.; family members Kristina and John Wood, Melissa and Paulino R. Torres and John, Julie, Peter and Elizabeth Moir; and 11 grandchildren.



Francis Richard Monahan, Sr., of Leonardo, New Jersey. He was born 31 July, 1923 and passed away on 12 March, 1999. The son of the late Robert Francis, Sr. and Catherine Monica Monahan.

He served in the US Army during WWII.

Willim F. Muscenti, former resident of Bay Village, OH, passed away Saturday, October 9, 2010, at his home in Sun Lakes, AZ. He was 90 years old.

Beloved father of Debra Cartwright and Cheryl Mooney, father-in-law to Guy Cartwright and Gary Mooney, grandfather of nine and great-grandfather of 22.



Joseph T Nowak, 84, of Fort Pierce died Friday, June 8, 2001, in Lawnwood Regional Medical Center, Fort Pierce.

A native of New Brunswick, N.J., he lived in Fort Pierce for 22 years. He moved here from Brooklyn, N.Y.

Survivors include his wife of 39 years, Eileen Nowak of Fort Pierce; a son, Richard T. Nowak of New York City; a daughter, Susan Lynn Nowak of New York City; a brother, Peter Nowak of Saddlebrook, N.J.

Dwain Clark Oliver, 93, of Scottsdale, Arizona passed away on 17 June, 2018.

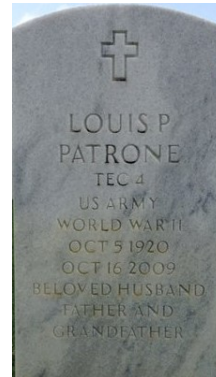


Allen D. Parsley, 86, of Harris Heights, died Friday, July 19, 2002 at his home. He was the son of the late George W. and Elizabeth Presnell Parsley.

A WWII Army veteran and earned the Bronze Star with the Oakleaf Cluster, the Silver Star, and the Purple Heart.

He worked with his father, brothers and son in the family retail business until his retirement in 2001.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Glenn Parsley of the home; a son, Dale Allen Parsley of Spruce Pine; a brother, Sam Parsley of Newdale; a sister, Daisy Young of Newdale; and one granddaughter.



Louis P. Patrone, 79, of Coral Springs, FL, passed away on October 16, 2009.

Mr. Patrone was a retired New York City Police Officer.

He was also an Army veteran of WW II.

Loving husband of Gloria; dear father of Richard (Roni) Patrone, Louis (Debbie) Patrone and Mary (Tom) Roland; loving grandfather of Thomas, Nicholas, Ali, David, Alsace and Beck.

J.L. Pettiette, age 91, of Palestine, Texas died February 6, 2009, at Palestine Regional Medical Center. J.L. was born September 11, 1917 in Hico, Texas to the late William Riley Pettiette and Della Gatewood.

He served with the Army during World War II.

Mr. Pettiette was a sometime self-employed mechanic, but also worked for Palestine Contractors for a number of years and Road Runner Construction.

He is survived by his son, Lester Pettiette; grandchildren, Melissa Ballard and husband James, Michael Pettiette and wife Allison, James Pettiette and wife Gina, and David Pettiette;

and five great grandchildren.



James G. Phillips of Schenectady, NY passed away on 23 January, 2007.

Anthony J. “Priest” Picente, Sr. of Rome, NY passed away on 17 December, 1995.



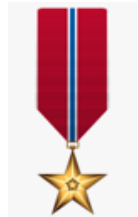
Leonard M. Piedmont Sr., a lifelong resident of New Rochelle, died peacefully on January 20, 2007. He was 85. Mr. Piedmont was born on September 13, 1921; Leonard grew up and lived in New Rochelle his entire life. In 1948 he married Margaret Lazzaro, to whom he was married for 45 years until her death in 1993.

He was a decorated World War II veteran. After serving honorably in World War II and receiving two Bronze Stars, he returned to New Rochelle.

He began working in the dairy commodities business in NYC. In 1985 he, with his partner, formed Agri-Dairy Products, Inc., a successful company for which he was president until his retirement in 1992.

Surviving are his sons Leonard M. Piedmont Jr. and his wife Carolyn of Briarcliff Manor, Mark Piedmont and his wife Karen of Wilton, CT; five grandchildren, Mallory, Leonard III, Marko, Michael, and Payton Piedmont; a brother Joseph Piedmont of

New Rochelle; nephews and nieces, including George and Denise Lapera of Pelham Manor, NY.



Theodore “Ted” Piti, age 86, of Mitchell, died September 14, 2005 at the Avera Queen of Peace Hospital. Ted Piti was born in Hoboken, New Jersey, November 14, 1918 to Maria (DiBlasi) and Tindaro Piti. After graduating from Dickinson High School in Jersey City, New Jersey, he attended business school for two years.

He was then drafted into the Army as Infantry on January 26, 1941. He served in the Pacific area and saw combat on Makin Island and Saipan Island where he was wounded. He was honorably discharged on June 15, 1945 with the rank of Technical Sergeant. He was the recipient of the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star medal and several other decorations and citations.

He married Catena (Cate) Gugliuzzo on April 28, 1946 at St. Peter Catholic Church, Haverstraw, New York. While serving as an apprentice with a tool and die maker, he resumed his studies and graduated from Weaver Real Estate School in New York City

and Bergen Junior College in New Jersey where he majored in mathematics and machine design. He taught tool and die making and machine design at B.O.C.E.S. Technical School, Rockland County, New York.

In 1978, after twenty years of service, he retired as a Laboratory Equipment Designer from the Nathan S. Kline Research Institute, Orangeburg, New York.

He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, a life member of the DAV Mitchell Chapter #7 where he served as Adj/Treas from 1983 to 2004, State Commander in 1989-1990 and Commander of the Mitchell Chapter from 2004 to the present. He was also a Life member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, a Life member of the VFW, member of the American Legion and the Mitchell Lions Club where he served two years as treasurer, Lion Tamer, and was on the board for several years. Ted was named the Honored Veteran of the Year by the Mitchell American Legion, DAV and VFW on November 11, 2004.

He is survived by his wife, Catena Cate; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra and Denis Lepkowski of Sioux Falls and Lisa and Ron Zeilinger, of Milwaukee, WI; one granddaughter, Beth and Jamey Roush, Harrisburg, SD and five grandsons: Billy Lepkowski and wife, Chris, Reno, NV, Ted and Jeffrey Lepkowski, Phoenix, AZ, and Matthew Zeilinger and his fiancé, Mandy Timmerman and Micah Zeilinger, Milwaukee, WI.

Harry E. Platt, 83, of Conklin, NY passed away on October 4, 2012.

He served with the New York State National Guard for 35 years.

Prior to his retirement he was employed with Akel Wholesale Grocery.

He was an active 47-year member of the Conklin Volunteer Fire Department. Harry was an active member of the Civil War Historical Society and the Binghamton Rifle Club.

Harry is survived by one daughter, Elizabeth and

Chris Pecoraro; three sons, Harry and Tracy Platt, Michael and Kathy Platt, and Willis and Sharon Platt; 8 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; brother and sister, Willis Platt and Lela Whitehead; a sister-in-law, Helen Flores special friends, Ron and Linda Beckering; and several nieces and nephews.



Jerry Allen Pratt passed away on 25 October, 2019.

His jovial kindness, congeniality, sociability and his endless outward love for his family, friends, and fellow brothers in arms lives on through his surviving family.

Survived by his loving wife Paulixeny Pratt, his five wonderful children, Tersia Yetter (Roger Dodger), Cynthia Lyons (John Lyons), Christopher Pratt (Joann Pratt), Peter Pratt (Cora Pratt), and Jerry Allen Pratt II, His sisters Belle (Betty) Ellsworth, and Linda Collins, and his brother Ted Pratt and many amazing grandchildren: Cassidy, Kevin, Courtney, Chloe, Connor, Preston, Ethan, Tyler, Dominic, Hayden, and Troy.



James C. Pritchett of Arab, AL passed away on 21 April, 2003.

He served in the US Army in WWII.

Throughout her life, Tina supported and participated in many breast cancer fund raising events and led a monthly cancer support group.

Tina loved the outdoors, nature, photography, motorcycling, traveling, and her pets. She especially loved going to her camp in Brantingham, NY.

Tina leaves a lifetime of memories to her mother Evelyn Finch (Allan); her sister Ronnie (Prosonic) Stone, her nephews C.J. Stone Jr. and Levi Stone; her niece Angie Stone Stabinski, Ryan Marlow who was like a son to Tina and her lifelong friends Deb Ackerman and Kathy Kulak. Tina is also survived by several aunts and uncles and many close friends.

Edward W. Prusik, 98, passed away peacefully on September 3, 2020.

He is a World War II veteran of the US Army and retired from IBM Owego.

He is survived by his children Kathleen Prusik, Joan (Joel) Dunham, Joseph Prusik and Kimberly (Daniel) Hill; 10 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; as well as many nieces and nephews.



Tina M. Prosonic, 57, of Jordan passed away at University Hospital with her family and friends by her side on Thursday, February 7 2013 after a courageous battle with cancer. She was a lifelong resident of Elbridge and the daughter of Evelyn (Hares) Finch and the late John Prosonic Jr. Tina graduated from Bishop Ludden High School in 1974 and SUNY Brockport with a Bachelor's degree in Sports Medicine.

She served in the Army National Guard and retired after 20 years of service with the rank of Captain. Tina's service included Public Relations work and she was sent to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia in preparation for Desert Shield.

Tina worked for the I.B.E.W. - Local 1249 for 30 years. She started as an apprentice, became a Journeyman Lineman and then advanced to Financial Secretary /Office Manager.



Rastus S. Redd of Paris, TX passed away on 04 May, 2003.

He served in the US Army in WWII.



Arthur J. "Jim" Rice, 78, of Gloversville, passed away on Sunday, November 18, 2012 at his home. He was born November 14, 1934 in Gloversville, NY to the late Arthur Rice and Elizabeth Fraiser Rice. Jim was a 1953 graduate of Gloversville High School,

He was a 9-year veteran of the National Guard, serving from 1954 to 1963.

He was a retired Teamster and a member of the Concordia Club, Bleecker Fish and Game Club, Mayfield Servicemen's Club, the American Legion and the NRA. Jim was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Patricia Rice; two sons: Arthur "AJ" and Eric; a daughter, Kristen; 4 grandchildren: Patrick, Keegan, Ava, and Lily.



Howard E. Robinson was born on October 14, 1929 in Franklin and passed away on 29 March, 2020. He was the son of Leon and Ella (Sisson) Robinson.

Howard retired in 1989 from the Army National Guard as a Sergeant 1st Class after serving 33 years.

He was employed for many years with Amphenol in Sidney.

Active in the Franklin community, Howard was a member of the Community Bible Church, the Franklin Fire Department and Emergency Squad

(proudly active and serving for 72 years), and the Franklin American Legion. He was also a former member and past Master of the Franklin Masons, and a co-founder of the Franklin Varsity Club.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Robinson of Sidney; his son, Edward Robinson of Richmond, Kentucky; his grandson, Lance and Shannon Robinson of Liberty, Kentucky; as well as his step children from NY; Barbara Horton, Cecelia Northrup, Arlene and Ray Wood, Barb Baker, Ray and Missy Baker, Albert Vandyke and Lisa Hoyt, Sandra and Mike Baldwin, Bob and Sue Baker, Carol Baker and Doug Hurlburt, Marie and Kimmo Eramo, Kathy and Bill Burton, Chrissy and Pat Miller; as well as 2 great-grandchildren from KY and several step-grandchildren and step-great grandchildren from NY. His grandchildren fondly remember him as Grandpa Howard, and wish to send him lots of hugs.



Rob J. Rucker, age 83, passed away peacefully at his home, surrounded by his family, on April 18, 2009. Born in Bentonville, Arkansas, on September 30, 1925, his family moved to Miami, Oklahoma, when he was 13 years old.

He joined the United States Army in 1943 and was wounded in battle in Okinawa, receiving the Purple Heart Medal and the Good Conduct Medal, with an honorable discharge in 1946.

Bob married the love of his life, Jeannine C. Odneal, on February 28, 1948 in Miami, Oklahoma. They moved to Del City in 1950 when Bob started a new job at Tinker Field.

Bob retired from Tinker Field in 1980 at the age of 55, so that he could enjoy many years of traveling, golfing, camping and fishing. Bob was the last Charter Member of the American Legion Post 73 and faithfully served as the Past Commander and service officer. He was also a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Eagle Camping Club of Del City, the Forty and Eight, and also served on the Board of the Del City Housing Authority. In 1996, he was deeply honored to receive the Key to Del City as Commander in Chief of the American Legion Post 73 in appreciation for their many civic duties and services to the community.

He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Jeanine and three wonderful children, Sheryl Rucker of Del City, Marlene Bullard and Robert Rucker of Moore. Bob was blessed with three beautiful granddaughters, Lesa Determan of Yukon, Amanda Klupenger of Konawa and Meagan Rucker of Moore. He also has one precious great-granddaughter, Addisyn and a great-grandson who is expected to be born any day.

Ellef “Rye” Ryersen of Flushing, NY passed away on 10 September, 2011.



George Saddlemire, 89, of Altamont, died at Albany Memorial Hospital on March 23, 2009. He was born on October 10, 1919, the son of Claude and Myrtle (Tousan) Saddlemire in Berne, NY.

Mr. Saddlemire served in the United States Army during World War II in the Philippines. He retired from the NY National Guard as a colonel.

Following World War II, he built his home on Lincoln Avenue in the Village and resided there for 55 years. He was well known in the community.

He is survived by his son, Thomas P. and his daugh-

ter-in-law Constance H. of Steamboat Springs, CO; his grandson, Craig O. of Lewiston, ME; his brothers, Ogden and John and his sisters, Edna Saddlemire, Nellie Agosta and Martha Vass.



Robert Charles San Jule died on December 24, 2020. He was 81 years old. Born in Pennsylvania, he grew up and attended primary and secondary schools in the Philadelphia area and was a graduate of Drexel University.

While at Drexel, he was in R.O.T.C. and after graduation served a tour of duty in the United States Army in Germany. After returning to Cortland, Bob transferred into the National Guard, later retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel after twenty-five years.

He joined his father in the family business, O'Shea Tire Service, managing it until his retirement.

Although Bob was not born here, he loved everything about Cortland and being a people person and civic minded, he actively volunteered and served his community wherever possible. He was affiliated over the years with many organizations but close to his heart was his involvement with the Youth Bureau, the Sports Booster Club of Cortland High School, the Cortland University Club and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

Athletic and a fitness buff, Bob was a runner, squash, racket ball and tennis player, a cycling enthusiast who enjoyed bicycle touring and was a cross country and downhill skier. He always loved watching his children's sports endeavors and eventually his grandchildren's, usually being the loudest and most opinionated spectator!

An avid traveler, he was up for any trip, any time to anywhere. There was always another place to go.

For the last ten years of his life, he dealt with Frontotemporal Dementia (FTD) and as it slowly took his personality and speech, he struggled to find the words to describe his journeys, finally being left with only five words: "Different Places all the Time".

He is survived by his wife, Maria (Ottenschot) San Jule and their children; Robin (Tim) Apps, Tim (Wanda) San Jule, Andy (Toni) San Jule and Sue San Jule (Mike Robinson). Bob is also survived by his grandchildren, Casey and Sean Apps, Opal Lechmanski and Becky (James) Csomay, Mallory San Jule and Molly San Jule and Abrah, Danielle and Caleb Robinson, his sister Bonnie Wright and sister and brother-in-law Renee' (Tim) Campbell and their daughter Kaitlin, a sister-in-law Joanne (Bob) Norton, brothers-in-law George (Dolores) Ottenschot and Bob (Robin) Ottenschot, four great grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and cousins.



Alonzo W. "Lonnie" Schumann of Pardeeville, WI passed away on 03 April, 1993.

He served in the US Army in WWII.



Joseph A. Sarnacki of Schenectady, NY passed away on 02 July, 2003.

He served in the US Army in WWII.



Cyrus E. Shelhamer, 83, formerly of Lake Clear, died Thursday, Oct. 24, 2002 at the Adirondack Medical Center. Born in Saranac Lake on Sept. 28, 1919, Cyrus was the son of Cyrus and Anna (Miner) Shelhamer. During his school years, Cyrus delivered newspapers and medicines for the Post Office Pharmacy.

He volunteered for and joined the 27th Infantry Division of the Army in 1941. He served in the Pacific Theater and was wounded twice, the first time on Saipan, Japan, and the second time, seriously on Okinawa. He received a number of medals and citations, including the Bronze Star for extraordinary bravery in battle.

After being hospitalized for a year, he was honorably discharged in January, 1947.

After the war, Cyrus was employed by the New York State Department of Health in Albany and traveled throughout the state taking X-rays for tuberculosis control and performing multiphasic screenings. He retired in 1974 and returned to the Saranac Lake area.

He enjoyed his life-long love of the outdoors and was an avid hunter, boater and fisherman. He was a communicant of St. John's Church in Lake Clear and was also a former Boy Scout leader and member of the American Legion, the Disabled Veterans Association, and the 27th Division Association.

He married Patricia Louis of Castorland on Feb. 14, 1949. Cyrus is survived by his wife; three sons, Paul of MA, Cyrus of Hannacroix and Frank of Cossackie; and one daughter, Anne Carrozza of Catskill.



Ben Allen Shown Jr., 91, of Crestwood, passed away peacefully in his sleep Friday, Aug. 26, 2011, at Friendship Manor Nursing Home. He was born and raised in Hartford, CT.

He joined the U.S. Army and earned the Bronze Star and Purple Heart while proudly serving in World War II.

He was a member of St. James Episcopal Church and a graduate of University of Louisville.

He was co-owner of Louisville Chemical Company, enjoyed the outdoors and horticulture. He was known to many for his peach orchard which he started to help fund the furthering of his children's' education.

After retiring he enjoyed helping people in the com-

munity and sharing the vegetables from his garden.

Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Edith Ingram Shown; daughter, Rebecca Maple; son, Ben Allen Shown III; brother, Coy Shown; grandson, Charles Edward Cox Jr.; granddaughters, Whitney Ellen Cox, Julie (Andrew) Karasz, Emily (Jerrod) Kuhn; and great-grandchildren, Rebecca Peyton Cox, Benjamin Rockwell Cox, and Stella Kuhn.



Edmund Francis Shultis Jr., 86, passed away on Monday, December 15, 2008, following a battle with cancer for seventeen years. He died at home, in peace, surrounded by his wife, Freda and every member of his loving family. He was born May 3, 1922 in Oneonta, the son of Edmund Farragut Shultis Sr. and Julia (Parish) Shultis, and was baptized in the First United Presbyterian Church. Ed lived in Oneonta all his life, graduating from Oneonta High School in the Class of 1940. He then went on to NYSIA Cobleskill, graduating June 2, 1942.

Ed enlisted in the service of the Army, USA, May 1943. This found Ed shipping out from Ft. Dix to El Paso, Texas and on to Wisconsin, Pennsylvania (Drexel Institute), Florida, (Air Force to become a pilot when it was discovered that he lost his sight at a certain height and was returned to the Army Infantry). From there he was in Officer Candidate Class Ft. Benning, GA, 21st Company, Class # 469, graduating on July 17, 1945. Then he became one of the first groups to enter Japan for a year of occupation, coming home September of 1946 and an honorable discharge. He later served as a Captain in the Army National Guard.

On September 3, 1942 Ed and Freda Beliles married at the First United Presbyterian Church in Oneonta. They celebrated their 67th Anniversary.

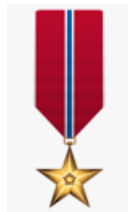
His first son, Edmund George Shultis, III was born September 27, 1944 and traveled with Freda to be with his dad until he left for Japan. Larry Robert was born December 8, 1949 making their circle of love complete.

After the Army Ed went on the Sales and Service with Allis Chalmers then New Idea, as a salesman for farm machinery. Later he became City Clerk for Oneonta, becoming Purchasing Agent and Transportation Director. He founded both and went on and founded a NYS Association for both areas, becoming president of each. Among other duties he directed the City Garage, Safety, and Job Corp.

Ed cared about his family, Church, Community and Country. He was an active member in the American Legion, ROA, Rotary, Boy Scouts of America, a board member of the Patient Advisor Committee of Bassett Healthcare and was a founder card member of the new Veterans Museum in Washington, DC. He founded the Ed Shultis Man to Man Prostate Group in 1992 and was still president at his death.

One of his favorites was his and Freda's co-chairing the first "State of Art" Building for the Upstate Home drive (now Spring Brook), for a sum of \$500,000 and which was successful. There was much more!

Ed and Freda traveled extensively during their 67 plus years. Greece and Israel became the highlight of their trips. He also took much love and joy in becoming a part of the Beliles Clan. Through all of this Ed was an outstanding husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, great-grandfather, son, brother, loved one and friend.



Joseph W. Siczka, 80, of Fanwood died on Friday, April 14, 2000 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. Born in Beaver Falls, Pa.,

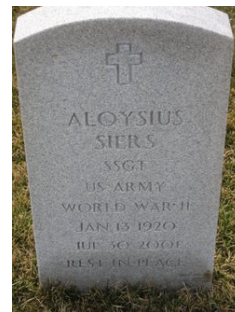
he had lived in Elizabeth before moving to Fanwood 45 years ago.

Mr. Siczka had been employed as a cost accountant and manager for Rogers, Hoge Hills in New York City before retiring in 1992.

He was a veteran of World War II, having served with the Infantry of the United States Army in the Pacific Theater. He was a recipient of the Bronze Star and a member of the 27th Division Association.

He graduated from Rutgers University in Newark in 1941.

Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Doris J. Kelly Siczka; a son, Paul Siczka of Berkeley Heights; four daughters, Linda Horrigan of Wading River, NY, Debra Siczka of Roselle Park, Wendy Pierce of Ferrisburgh, VT, and Valerie Siczka of Morris Plains, and two sisters, Sophie Pasko and Helen Mallack.



Aloysius Siers of Brooklyn Heights, OH passed away on 31 July, 2001.

He served in the US Army in WWII.

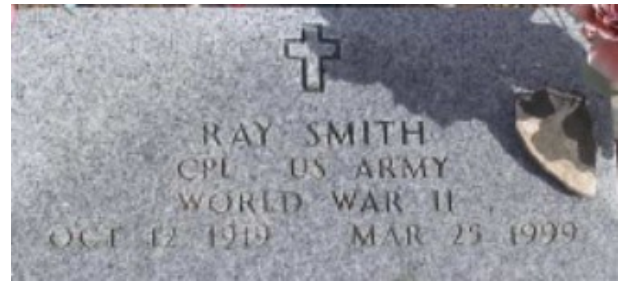


Robert E. Skoog, U.S. Air Force (ret.), 90, of Columbus, formerly of Hillsboro for 43 years, passed away Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017 at the Ohio State James Cancer Hospital. He was born Aug. 9, 1926 in Dayton, Iowa, the son of the late Anton H. and Anna Elizabeth (Person) Skoog.

Lt. Col. Skoog proudly served his country in the United States Army for two years and went on to serve his country in the United States Air Force for 27 and a half years. During his lifetime he logged 13,000 flying hours as a pilot.

After retirement he was the safety service director in Highland County in the 1970s. He was a member of the Hillsboro Lion's Club, Highland County Pilots Association, Air Force Daedalians, American Model Airplanes Association, and Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. His latest accomplishment was establishing the Robert E. Skoog Cadet Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol.

Mr. Skoog is survived by four children, Robert A. (Jane) Skoog of Troy, Marilyn (Edward) Hilt of Fort Myers, FL, Dr. Jean (Elliott) Heisman of Mullica Hill, NJ and David A. (Stacia) Skoog of Royal Oak, MI; seven grandchildren, Rob (Michelle) Skoog, Melissa (Dan) Neal, Eric (MariAlice) Hilt, Evan (Rebecca) Heisman, Adam Heisman, Sarah Skoog and Kit Skoog; seven great-grandchildren, Isabella Skoog, Sophia Skoog, Andrew Skoog, Sebastian Neal, Ayrton Neal, Oliver Neal and AnnaLynn Hilt; two sisters, Alice Lindsay of Bradenton, FL and Mary Ann (Gene) Knopf of Dayton, IA; and several nieces and nephews.



Ray Smith, 79, of Magdalena, NM, passed away Thursday, March 25, 1999. He was born October 12, 1919 to Red and Betsy Smith in Rehoboth, NM. He attended the BIA Elementary School in Crownpoint, NM. Graduated from Albuquerque Indian School in 1938 specializing in building trades. Matriculated in 1929 to New Mexico Normal in Las Vegas, NM, which is now known as Highlands University.

After two years at Highlands, he was drafted for a year of service in the U.S. Army. When WW II start, his status was changed to the duration of the war. He served with Hq. Co. 106th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division.

Shortly after VJ day, he returned to Highlands University and completed a BA Degree in Industrial Arts in 1947. He completed his MA Degree in the next five summers. In August of 1947 he began teaching and coaching with the Magdalena Municipal Schools. Ray was the first Navajo Area Agency Superintendent. Ray spent 10 years teaching, 10 years as High School Principal and 11 years as Superintendent of the School District.

After retiring from the Magdalena Schools, they moved to Window Rock, AZ and worked with the Navajo Division of Education. He directed the Johnson O'Mally Federal Program, monitored the educational program for Navajo children in impacted schools in the four corner states, and counseled higher education students at the tribe.

He was a member of the Magdalena Masonic Lodge where he served as Master of the Lodge and Secretary for extended periods of times. He served as District Deputy Grand Master for one term. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign wars and did volunteer services for the local senior citizen meal site. He served as President of the local Senior Citizen's and served on the county board for Senior Citizen's programs. He served as Vice-President and President for the Educational Retirees of Socorro County and was currently on the NMAER Newsletter Committee and ad hoc Committee for the Handbook of Amendments Committee.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Rosela Baca Smith; sons, Raymond Michael Smith of El Paso, TX and Irvin E. Smith of Ft. Defiance, AZ; brothers, Phillip of Maryland, George and Leonard of Sundance, NM, Albert of Gallup, NM and Donald of Bluewater, NM; sisters, Dorothy Jaramillo of Los Lunas, NM, Yvonne Denetclaw of Fruitland, NM, Phyllis King and Florence Smith of Iyanbito, NM and Diane Smith of Sundance, NM; grandchildren, Irvin Smith Jr., Veronica Smith, Raymond Smith, Julian Smith, Gavin Smith, Monica Reyes Smith, Shawn Morgan, Michael Smith and Christopher Smith.



Milton “Mickey” Spitz, 86, of Niskayuna, died Saturday, August 16, 2003 at St. Clare's Hospital. Born and raised in Schenectady, NY.

Mr. Spitz served in the Army during World War II.

He was the owner of Ben Franklin Department Store and President of OK Shops, Inc. from 1962 to 1975, at which time he retired.

He was past president of Union St. Merchants Group, the Rotterdam Elks and their golf league, the former Walhalla Country Club and their golf league and president of the Jewish Cemetery Association.

Survived by his loving son, Stuart Spitz and devoted caregiver and daughter-in-law Judith Spitz of Niskayuna; cherished granddaughter, Lisa Spitz of Syracuse; nephews, Gary Spitz and his wife Charlotte of Harrisburg, PA, David Fialkoff and his wife Pamela of Guilderland; nieces, Janice Albee of Schenectady, Annie Alkinburgh and her husband Lester of Schenectady and Donna Wildove of Colonie; also survived by great-nieces and nephews and great-great-nieces and nephews.

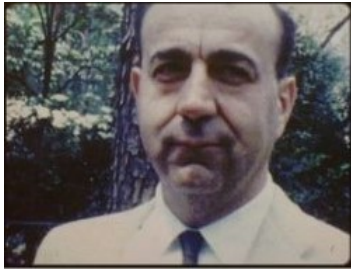


John Stecyk, of Chenango Bridge, 96 passed away on Thursday November 19, 2015.

John was a WW II Army Veteran having received the Purple Heart.

He retired from Singer Link after many years of service. He was a loving and devout family man and will be dearly missed.

John is survived by his daughters, Katherine and Natalie & Tim Carper, sons, John and Richard also grandsons, Ian and Brenton Carper.



Clarence Francis Stoeckley, Sr. of Fayetteville, NC passed away on 21 february, 2002 at age 81. Born in Garret, Indiana to Gustave A. and Agnes M. Stoeckley.

He was married to Helena Teresa Werle on 31 August, 1946 in Calhoun, Alabama.



Martin C. Strakeljahn, age 88, passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 1, 2012 at Alden Estates of Countryside in Jefferson, Wisconsin. He was born April 13, 1923, the eighth of ten children

to Henry and Elizabeth Strakeljahn. Martin grew up on the family farm outside of Winnebago, Illinois and attended Winnebago High School.

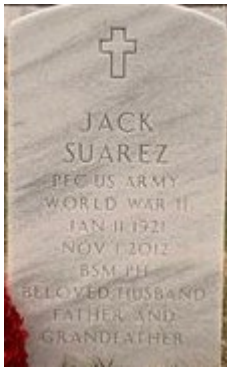
Martin served as a sergeant in the Army during WWII. His tour of duty took him to the islands of the South Pacific where he was awarded the Bronze Star.

He was a machinist for more than 40 years at National Lock Company of Rockford, IL.

On September 7, 1985, he married Elaine (Wolff) White of Lake Mills. Mart and Elaine spent their entire married life in Lake Mills.

He was a member of the Clarence Bean-Warren George Lake Mills American Legion Post No. 67 and enjoyed spending many Friday mornings volunteering in the Legion's hamburger stand. Martin, a member of the Rockford Ski Club, was an avid downhill enthusiast; he skied many of the U.S. western slopes. He also was a talented artist. His drawings and cartoons were a delight to all who saw them, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mart is survived by his wife of 26 years, Elaine; daughter Joni (Rev. Peter) Panitzke of Muskego, WI; son Robert White of Lake Mills; daughter Janet Cooper of Madison; six grandchildren: Sarah Panitzke Borgstede (Ed Jacobs) of Belleville, IL; Rev. David (Jessica) Panitzke of Knoxville, TN; Stephen Panitzke of Muskego, WI; Nathan (Abbey) Panitzke of Milwaukee; and Chandler and Hayden White of Lake Mills; six great-grandchildren: Bobby Borgstede, Rory and Owen Jacobs, Levi, Grant and Audrey Panitzke; brother Robert (Evie) Strakeljahn of Lake Mills, and many relatives and friends.



Jack Suarez, 91, of East Elmhurst passed away on November 1, 2012. Jack was born on January 11, 1921 in Cuba. He will be missed by his family and friends.



Michael Szczepanik of Haganan, NY passed away on 05 March, 2009.

He served in the US Army in WWII.

Henry J. "Hank" Tabacinski, 86, beloved husband of 60 years of Josephine Quartarone Tabacinski, of Forest Rd., Wallingford, died peacefully, Thursday, July 19, 2007, at the Masonic Health Care Center. He was born in New York City, December 24, 1920, the son of the late Anthony and Anna (Kovaleski) Tabacinski, and had been a Wallingford resident for 40 years.

At age 15 he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps. He then enlisted at age 18 in the National Guard, followed by the Army Medical Corps, serv-

ing as a medic in the 27th Division at Pearl Harbor, HI.

Upon his return he married Josephine. He was an accomplished jewelry polisher in NYC for many years. Upon moving to Wallingford, he worked for Hamilton Watch Company, Wallace Silversmiths, and World Tableware International.

Henry was very active with the Boy Scouts of America, both in NYC and Connecticut for over 20 years. He was an avid fisherman, hunter and target shooter. He loved the outdoors. Henry was a parishioner of SS. Peter and Paul Church where he was a member of the Men's Club, and he was a member of the American Legion - Siedlicki Post, the 27th Division Association, the National Rifle Association, and a past member of the Wallingford Rod and Gun Club.

He is survived by his daughter, Mariann Tabacinski and Wayne Holder of Wallingford; his two sons, William Tabacinski and his wife Elaine, and Stephen Tabacinski and his wife Judith of New Milford; his brother Chester Tabacinski and his wife Helen of Bangor, PA; and his nephew Chester Tabacinski Jr.

Alf B. Thompson, of Janesville, Wisconsin passed away on 08 November, 2005.

Olaf Lund Thomsen died peacefully with family members at his home on August 2, 2012. The son of Danish immigrants, Alfred Peter Thomsen and Hansina Lund Thomsen, was born on August 2, 1918.

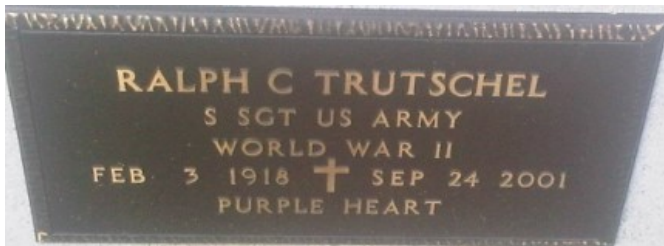
He is survived by his daughter, Karen Thomsen Wesner (Bingo); Son-in-law, Ed Gaertner; Grandchildren, Heidi Kieckbusch (Travis), J. P. Burke (Colby) and Zoe Nelson (Michael); Greatgrandchildren, Brooke, Mckenzie, Bailey, Ty, Cassidy and Jacob, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Martin Tkachyk, 81, a longtime Williston resident, passed away Wednesday, September 27, 2006, at his home in Williston, SD.



Byron James Townsend of Sumner, TX passed away on 05 August, 2005.

He served in the US Army in WWII.



Ralph C. Trutschel, 83, of Alexandria, died on 24 September, 2001 at St. Luke Hospital East, Fort Thomas.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

He was a retired master scheduler with Dixie Ohio Express, Cincinnati.



Louis Anthony Tummillo, of Shadyside, MD passed away on 29 April, 1998.

He served in the US Army in WWII.



Leon Vas Nunes of North Miami, FL passed away on 21 June, 2007.

He was in the US Army in WWII in the Pacific.



Luby Ray Vinson, age 82, died Friday, October 17, 2008.

Luby was born on May 15, 1926 to John Henry

Vinson and Ora Jeanette Isaacks Vinson in Leggett, TX.

Luby was a U. S. Army WW-II Veteran serving in the 27th Infantry Division and was awarded the Bronze Star for action taken in the war.

He married Allie Mae Kimbrell on October 5, 1946 in Liberty, TX.

Luby was a brick mason all of his life, and a member of the Heights Baptist Church. He was a reserve deputy sheriff for Liberty County.

Luby enjoyed playing his guitar, singing, and hunting.



George L. Vreeland, 88, of Guilderland, passed away on Tuesday, August 13, 2019. George was born in the town of Root, NY, the son of the late LeRoy George Vreeland, and Early Ellwood Vreeland. He was raised in Fort Plain, NY.

He was employed by General Electric in Schenectady in the 1950s as a carpenter and as an electrical designer. He later was employed for 22 years by Mechanical Technology Inc. as an electrical designer.

He took time away from G.E. to serve in the U.S. Army in the Korean War. He then joined the New York National Guard, where he served for 37 years, retiring in 1991 as a Sergeant Major with 40 years served. During his time in tour of duty he had become a P.O.W.

He was a member of the Robert L. Weininger Memorial VFW Post 8692. George was also known as a modeler, meticulously crafting models of wooden ships and cabins, at times even drawing his own set

of plans for the work.

He is survived by his daughter Kyle Vreeland Masiello of Salisbury, NC; his son Terry Lee Vreeland, Sr. of Salisbury, NC; his stepdaughter Arlene F. LaHera of Port St. Lucie, FL; his stepson Ramon R. LaHera, Jr. of Albany; and by 11 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Walter P. Wachowicz, 90, of South Shore Road, Northville and formerly of Schenectady, died Monday, March 30, 2009 at Nathan Littauer Hospital. He was born in Schenectady on January 3, 1919 a son of Antoni and Anna Kalieta Wachowicz and was educated at Nott Terrace High School. Mr. Wachowicz lived in Schenectady until moving to Northville 15 years ago.

He was employed with the federal government for 40 years, and retired from the Watervliet Arsenal in 1982.

Mr. Wachowicz was a World War II Army veteran and served in the Pacific Theatre.

He was a member of the Fish House Fish & Game Club. Walter enjoyed spending time with his family, especially the grandchildren and their children. He was married to the former Marguerite E. Moore Wachowicz on April 7, 1945.

Survivors include a son, Kenneth W. (Jacqueline) Wachowicz of Northville; a daughter, Marjorie J. (Jack) Seymour of Hadley; his twin sister, Genivieve Krawiecki of Schenectady; four grandchildren, Holly Mittan, Noelle Mussen, Andrea Fields, and Thomas Seymour; six great-grandchildren, Avery and Aidan Mussen, Riley and Mason Seymour, and Parker and Paige Fields; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.



George Edward "Ted" Wagner, 91 of Simmons Ave., entered into eternal rest Friday, October 8, 2021, at VanRensselaer Manor. Born in Cohoes, he was a proud lifelong resident of the city. He was the son of the late George Byron Wager and Ruth Helen Clay Wagner and the beloved husband of Margaret Morrison Wagner who passed in 2008.

At a young age, Ted enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Japan where he attained the rank of sergeant.

After being discharged, Ted attended Siena College where he earned his bachelor's degree in business. He went on to work for over 25 years with the N.Y.S. Teachers' Retirement System in Albany until his retirement.

Ted was a member of the Disabled American Veterans, the Shriners in Troy and also belonged to the Eveningstar Masonic Lodge #75 in Latham. Ted was proud of his U.S. Army service and citizenship.

His life was characterized by his patriotism as well as his dedication to family and community. He adored his wife Margaret and the couple shared a perfect marriage together. Their home was always open to anyone. Ted was the loving father of David E. Wagner of Clifton Park; brother of Mary Joan Griffith, Elizabeth Lynch, Ellen Hebert and the late James and Elaine Wagner; and the brother-in-law of the late James and Jean Polson. He is also survived by several nieces, nephews and a large Scottish and American extended family.



Robert I. Walrath, 72, of High St., passed away Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at the NYS Veterans' Home in Oxford.

He was a Veteran of the US Army.

He was a member of and past commander of American Legion Post 1194. He was a past Broome County Commander.

He is survived by his wife, Carrie Walrath; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Jerry and Glenda Walrath and John Walrath; daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and Ernie Schlafer; eight grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; one sister, Lois Lashway of Florida.



Reno Henry Arthur Walter passed away Sunday, December 13, 2015 at Mercy Hospital in Iowa City at the age of 96 years. He was born June 8, 1919 on a farm near Homestead, Iowa, the son of Carl and Meta (Huedepohl) Walter. He attended Immanuel Parochial School.

He served in the United States Army during WWII from 1941 to 1945 in the Asian Pacific area. He was awarded the Purple Heart, and a Bronze Star with one Oak Leaf Cluster.

He was a lifelong farmer.

Reno was united in marriage to Juanita May Schlotterbeck on February 1, 1948 at St. Stephens Lutheran Church in Atkins. Together they lived on the farm south of Oxford.

Reno was a member of the L.I.S. School Board, Iburg Poulson VFW Post #8797 in Williamsburg and the American Legion in Oxford. He enjoyed spending time with his family.

He is survived by his three sons: Kevin (Carol) Walter of Oxford, Duane (Jane) Walter of Swisher and Todd (Lori) Walter of Oxford; seven grandchildren: Jason (Jean Moylan) Walter, Kris Walter, Dan (Kathy) Walter, Ryan (Mandy) Walter, Jenny Walter, Kate (Brian) Caskey and Lisa (Mark) Davis; six great grandchildren: Angel, Caden, Emily, Taylor, Colt and Brody.



Richard W. Williams, 90, of Vestal passed away February 4, 2016. Richard is the son of the late William and Esther Williams of Dunmore, PA.

Richard was an Army veteran having served in WWII.

He worked as a manager at IBM for over 50 years.

Richard & Paula loved to travel and especially enjoyed camping throughout NY. Richard and Paula celebrated 70 years of marriage on October 26, 2015.

Richard is survived by the love of his life Pauline F. Williams, a caring daughter, Cheryl Stewart, (Vestal), his loving granddaughters Tamara (Brian) Steele, (Owego) and Tara (Jeffery) Gates, (Oneonta, NY). The apple of his eye were his 3 great grandchildren Shelby Steele, Shane Gates and Ashleigh Steele. They affectionately called him Poppy. Also surviving is a son, Richard P. Williams and his 4 children along with a nephew Wayne Griffiths (Kelly) Marrero, (LA).



John G. Webb, age 90, of Johnstown, passed away on Thursday, August 7, 2008, at the Pineview Commons, after being stricken. He was born January 28, 1918 in Johnstown, a son of the late George Webb and Maude Crowter Webb.

Mr. Webb served his Country as a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army from February 25, 1941 until his honorable discharge on March 1, 1946.

John was employed as a foreman at Anderson Instrument Co. Inc. of Glen until his retirement.

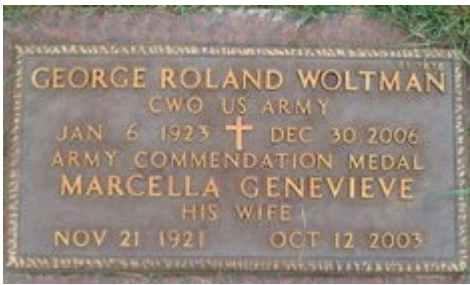
Survivors include his step-daughter Patricia Schelmbauer and her husband John of Saratoga Springs; a step-son Michael Schmutz and his wife Bev of Ballston Spa; one sister Katherine Schmutz of Johnstown; grandchildren John Schelmbauer Jr. of Tampa, and Lisa Hapman of New Jersey; several great grandchildren; nieces, and nephews.



Eugene W. Wojton, 82, of Dayton, passed away on Friday, December 17, 2005.



Francis J. Wojtal, of Albany, NY passed away on 10 February, 2002.



George Roland Woltman of Bricktown, NJ passed away on 30 December, 2006.

He served as a Chief Warrant Officer in the US Army.



Robert T. Wright, 94, died Jan. 8 at his Prairie City home. Mr. Wright was born May 14, 1918, in Columbus, N.J., to Charles and Naomi Wright. He graduated from high school in Kansas City, MO.

He served in the Pacific during World War II, and was wounded in the Battle of Okinawa in 1945. He received a Purple Heart for his injuries sustained while in battle. After recovering, he was discharged with honors.

He moved to Pendleton, where he began a career with the U.S. Postal Service.

In September 1975, he married Elsie Lieblein of John Day. Following his retirement that same year, they moved to John Day, where he was active in the community and gave of his time to benefit others.

He was a member of the Degree of Honor, the Elks Lodge and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He volunteered at the food bank and drove the People Mover bus, during his early years in John Day.

He regularly visited patients at Blue Mountain Nursing Home and Valley View Assisted Living Facility. One of his greatest pleasures was taking family and friends out to dinner, where he always insisted on treating.

Survivors include his daughter, Charlene (Lauren) Ball of Bellevue, Wash.; stepchildren, Robert (Ellen) Hehn of Vancouver, Wash., Rick (Sharon) Hehn of Olympia, Wash., and Sandra Hehn of Mt. Vernon; 17 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and special friends, Lindsay and Brogan Madden of Canyon City, and Michael Knadler of Canyon City.



Douglas S. Young of St. Paul was born November 27, 1919 and died November 7, 2009 surrounded by family until the end. A near-lifelong resident of Saint Paul, he was a graduate of Mechanic Arts High School and Macalester College.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army before Pearl Harbor and served through the end of the war in the Pacific. He was also a proud Korean Conflict veteran.

Doug worked in a number of public service positions which included time in Governor Levander's office, in the Saint Paul Schools Superintendent's office, and for the State of Minnesota. He never forgot the rule that all politics are local.

He loved his time at Lake McFarland in Minnesota's Arrowhead and his many post-war return trips to the Big Island of Hawaii. Most of all, he loved his family and especially loved family get-togethers where he could see all (or at least as many as possible) of his grandchildren and his great grandson all under one roof.

Survived by loving wife of nearly 60 years, Marjorie; and children, Nancy (Dan) Young-Dixon, Susan (Steve) Morley and David (Susan); grandchildren, Keely, Elizabeth, Sam, Brendan, Anna (Peter), Paul, Gus, Meghan, Kate and Jonathan; great-grandson, Evan, and brother's immediate family Lois and Kathy.

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“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