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1917 - 1919

Dickebush Sector

Mount Kemmel

Vierstraat Ridge

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Hindenburg Line

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1940- 1945

Makin

Majuro

Eniwetok

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Okinawa

2001- Present

Noble Eagle

Iraqi Freedom

Afghanistan

Enduring Freedom

Honors to the departed 105th & 106th Infantry

This volume as you can see is dedicated to our departed members who served with the 105th and 106th Infantry Regiments. These regiments were called up with the Division in October 1940. Originally part of the 53d Infantry Brigade, they took part in the training and maneuvers in and around Fort McClellan, AL. Then, after the attack on Pearl Harbor they were shipped out to defend the West coast from an anticipated Japanese attack on the mainland. Later they would board ships for the Hawaiian islands in yet another round of coastal defense. However, the training they saw in the islands would be a foreshadowing of what they would see in the coming years.

105th Infantry

Central Pacific

Ryukus

Western Pacific

106th Infantry

Eastern Mandates

(Marshall Islands)

Ryukus

Western Pacific

With the holidays over I have had more time to re-search the names of members of the Association that we haven't heard from in years. Unfortunately many of them had passed on.

The overall numbers are so great that it will take four or five more volumes such as this to pay tribute to them. As with the previous volume I am attempting to capture as much about their life and service as I can find data on, between their obituary and what we had in our Association records.

Awards, ranks, and unit designations are a vague area, but I have attempted to be as accurate as possible.

This volume will encompass the 105th and 106th Infantry Regiments and therefore is primarily composed of those who served prior to and during World War II. The campaigns listed above in the banner represent the majority of the combat action seen by these Regiments. Though some of our members did go on to serve in the Army of Occupation of Japan. Also, some members started out their service with the NY Army National Guard but then moved on to other units for a variety of reasons. I have encountered those that went to Officer Candidate School and were commissioned. Those that ended up in the fledgling Army Air Forces and those that were sent as replacements to units in the European Theatre.

With each successive volume I hope to improve this product in order to give these Soldiers the best memorial I can. Lastly, the personnel listed in these pages are past members of the 27th Division Association. I do not have access to the records of all members of the 27th Infantry and Armored Divisions, nor the various Brigades that the 27th has been over the last 102 years. Please do not take offense if you don't see a friend or loved ones name where you think it should be. If you know they were indeed a member of the Association in the past, then by all means submit whatever data you have on them to me at the email to the right of these comments.

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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

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105th Infantry Regiment

“The Appleknockers”



105th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co G

Louis A. Aldi, 80, of Evelyn Avenue, Amsterdam, died Thursday evening (January 27, 2000) at Amsterdam Memorial Hospital after a long illness. He was born April 7, 1919, in Gloversville, the son of Michael and Angela Mazzaro Aldi. He was educated in Gloversville and Schenectady. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army in the South Western Pacific with 2d Battalion, Company G. He was awarded the Purple Heart with two oak leaf clusters. For 20 years, Mr. Aldi was employed in the maintenance department of the New York State Air National Guard in Scotia, retiring in 1982. He was a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Amvets Post 21 of Amsterdam and the Polish American Veterans. He was also a member of the 109th Alumni Association. Mr. Aldi was a coach for many years for the Amsterdam Wee Men Majors. An avid bowler, he was a member of several area leagues. He married Florence McCoski May 5, 1946. Survivors, in addition to his wife, include three sons, Louis M. Aldi and Joseph R. Aldi, both of Amsterdam, and Gary R. Aldi of New Hartford; a brother, Andrew Aldi of Schenectady; a sister, Antoinette Andolina of Amsterdam; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

105th Infantry Regiment and 27th Special Troops Battalion, Tank Co

James E. Ames, Jr. passed away on 28 August, 2015.



105th Infantry Regiment, 1st Battalion, HHC

Louis E. "Blackie" Barra, 85, of Metamora, formerly of Roanoke, passed away at 4:10 a.m. on Friday, May 8, 2009, at Snyder Village Health Center in Metamora.

He was born on Nov. 22, 1923, in Roanoke to John and Catterina Ellena Barra. He married Myrtle O'Russa on June 28, 1947, in Roanoke. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, John (Kathy) Barra of Pekin, Ill., Mike (Brenda) Barra of Peoria, Ill., and Mark (Keri) Barra of Washington, Ill.; two daughters, Monica (Jim) Fry of Playa Del Carmen, Mexico, and Kelly (Dave) Wright of Bloomington, Ill.; nine grandchildren, Tammi (Bill) Gates, Tony Fry, Andrew Barra, Abby Barra, Kristen Barra, Steffen Barra, Tessa Barra, Lexie Barra and Daniel Wright; and one great-grandson, Hunter Gates.

An Army veteran, he served his country in the South Pacific Theater during WWII.

He was member of the Roanoke American Legion Post 463.

Blackie graduated from Roanoke High School and worked at Caterpillar Inc. for 36 years before he retired.

Blackie loved baseball.

He was one of the founding fathers of the Roanoke Little League. He coached many teams through little league, pony league and American Legion baseball. He was an avid Cubs fan, and he enjoyed high school basketball, especially watching the Roanoke-Benson Rockets.



105th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co F

Frank D. Battaglia, 91, of Coniston Road, died Saturday, November 29, 2014, at the Capital Living Nursing Center in Schenectady. Mr. Battaglia was born in Chicago, IL to the late Salvatore and Maria Ifrate Battaglia and had lived in Schenectady most of his life. He attended the former Nott Terrace High School and was a veteran of WW II, serving in the U.S. Army. Early in his career, Frank worked in security at KAPL. Subsequently, he worked at the General Electric Company as an assembler in the Gas Turbine Department for over 35 years, until retiring. Frank was a communicant and volunteer at St. Paul the Apostle Church.

He is survived by three children, Marilyn (the late Joseph) Giampa of Clifton Park, David (Rosanne) Battaglia of Marcellus, NY and Joseph (Claudia) Battaglia of Niskayuna; six grandchildren, Michele (Stephen) Sherman of Cornwall, NY, Kevin Giampa of Clifton Park, Michael Battaglia of California, Marissa Battaglia of Denver, CO, Danielle Battaglia and David Battaglia, both of Niskayuna; and two

great-grandchildren, Nicholas Sherman and Julia Sherman.



105th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co F

Charles F. Baumgartner, 89, formerly of Scotia, NY, passed away after a long illness on Friday, March 4, 2011 at his home in Schenectady with his family by his side. Born on July 1, 1921 in Schenectady, he was the son of the late Joseph and Bertha Hoffman Baumgartner. A lifelong area resident, Charles was a graduate of Mont Pleasant High School in Schenectady and lived in Scotia for many years.

During World War II, Charles served with the United States Army.

He was first employed with ABC Vending in Schenectady for several years until going to work in maintenance with Ellis Hospital in Schenectady for many years until his retirement in 1985. After his retirement, Charles went to work for the Draper Center in Rotterdam.

Charles was a member of the Rotterdam Elks Club, enjoyed dancing and will be remembered as a handyman who liked keeping busy around the house helping family and friends.

Survivors include three daughters, Kathy (James) Mitchell of Virginia, Madeline (James) Gabree of Virginia, and Jill (Frank) Errichetto of North Carolina; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.



105th Infantry Regiment, Medical Detachment

Charles Edward 'Ed' Beaudoin, 79, Edgewater, FL, of Shangri-La Circle, died suddenly Thursday at Samaritan Hospital Troy. Born in Troy, he was son of the late Charles Joseph and Rose Maltais Beaudoin and husband of Mary Campano Beaudoin of Florida. He had resided on Spring Avenue in Troy for several years and in Florida since 1985 and attended LaSalle Institute and Troy High School. Mr. Beaudoin was a smelter and fireman for the Watervliet Arsenal for 10 years retiring in 1965.

He was a Life Member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and Past Commander of Region 1 of New York State; a member of the American Legion Edgewater, Florida; Disabled American Veteran's Troy and was very active in the Corporal Arthur Willy Chapter of the Purple Heart in North Troy.

He was an Army corporal in the 27th Division, 105th Infantry medical detachment during World War II. Mr.

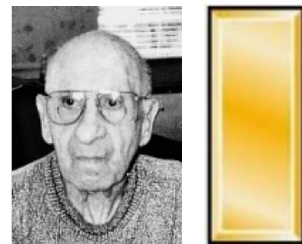
Survivors in addition to his wife include a son Thomas Beaudoin and wife Susan of Saratoga Springs; three daughters Denise LaGrange of Wynantskill, Joann Deeb and husband Robert of Charlottesville, VA and Susan Beaudoin of Alplaus; a brother Arthur Beaudoin of Philmont; eight grandchildren Joshua and Lisa LaGrange, John-Michael Deeb, Peter, Robert and Stephen Deeb and Abigail and Elizabeth Beaudoin and several nieces and nephews.

105th Infantry Regiment, 3d Battalion, Co L

Walter J. Bennett, age 89, US Army Veteran of WWII, late of Chicago, passed away Wednesday, February 15, 2006. Cherished husband of late Violet D. (nee) Johnson. Loving father of Joan (Matthew) Prinz, Barbara (Kenn) Wiest, and Ken (Rochele) Bennett. Devoted brother of Forest (C.J.) Bennett, Frances (late Rosemary) Bennett, late Leo Bennett, and late Florence (late Eugene) Stalbaum. Beloved grandfather of Krystyn Yordon and Douglas Bennett. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Life member of Rhine VFW Post #2729.

105th Infantry Regiment, 1st Battalion, Co D

Frank W. Capuano Sr., 93, died Wednesday, July 18, 2012. Husband of the late Florence Mooney Capuano; father of Colleen Wallahora, Frank W. (Nancy) Capuano Jr. and Jan (Dave) Lajeunesse; brother of Albert Capuano.



105th Infantry Regiment, 1st Battalion, Co A, then to ETO, then USAF

Vincent J. Comella, 92, of Rockledge, FL, a retired logistics manager, passed away Saturday, December 12, 2009 at Rockledge Health and Rehab. Born in Troy, NY, he came to Brevard County in 1964 from Madison, WI. He worked for Bendix Field Engineering/Honeywell at Cape Canaveral, Kennedy Space Center.

A retired veteran of the U.S. Air Force, he served with the U.S. Army in World War II in European Theatre, where he was among the first wave on Omaha Beach on D-Day.

He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Ruth Comella, Rockledge, FL; son, Vincent A. Comella (Malene), Santa Cruz, CA; daughter, Carol R. Anderson (Andrew), Melbourne, FL and granddaughter, Laura Babiarz, Melbourne.



105th Infantry Regiment, 3d Battalion, Co L

Ceylon P. De Lorenze Jr. of Nelson Avenue died Monday, March 10, 2003, at Samaritan Hospital in Troy following a short illness. He was 73. Born on May 20, 1929, in Saratoga Springs, he was the son of Ceylon P. and Ella (Hogan) De Lorenze.

During World War II, he served in the United States Army. He then served in the NYS Army National Guard for 36 years, rising to the rank of first sergeant.

For 32 years, he worked for the New York State Department of Transportation Bridge Department. He was active in several organizations in Saratoga Springs, including Gurtler Brothers VFW Post No. 423, was a Past Commander and Life Member of Dominick-Smaldone ITAM Post No. 35, was a life member of American Legion Post 70 and was a member of the Saratoga Eagles Club, Saratoga Elks Lodge No. 161 and the Principessa Elena Society.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Betty (Beagle) De Lorenze of Saratoga Springs, whom he married on March 9, 1950; a son, Stance, and his wife, Ann, of Cary, N.C.; three daughters, Donna Travis and her husband, Fred, of Ballston Spa, Dawn Morehouse and her husband, Don, of Saratoga Springs, and Deborah Manasseri and her husband, Joseph, of Amsterdam;

10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.



105th Infantry Regiment

Samuel R. Dinova, 88, former North Lake Avenue resident, died Saturday, December 4, 2010 at Van Rensselaer Manor. Born in Troy, he was the son of the late Leonardo Dinovo and Philomena Terrible Dinovo and husband of the late Anna Avakian Dinova, who died July 29, 2007.

Mr. Dinova was a veteran of World War II with the 105th Infantry, 27th Division in the Pacific Theater. He received two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star while serving his country.

He was a machinist with the Watervliet Arsenal for 22 years, retiring in 1976. He was a member of the Tibbitts Cadets, Troy Lodge of Elks #141, the CRAB Post, Troy Italian Community Center and the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

Survivors include; a son Michael L. Dinova (Dottie) of East Greenbush; a daughter Rosemary Mainville (Thomas) of Troy; step-grandchildren, Cheri and Jeremy DeGroff of Elizabethtown, N.Y., and Tina Mainville of Troy; a brother Michael A. Dinova of Troy; two sisters Frances Cardenuto (late Frank) of Troy, Philomena Tretheway (late Earl) Waterford; a sister-in-law Arlene Dinova and several nieces and nephews. Also survived by his grand-dog "Jazzie".



105th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co G, then 321st Infantry

Samuel DiSibio, 95, of East Patchogue, died Nov. 22. Mr. DiSibio was an English teacher at Patchogue-Medford High School and night school professor at Adelphi University and Dowling College. Born and raised in Amsterdam, N.Y., Mr. DiSibio graduated from Union College and received his master's degree at University at Albany, SUNY.

A World War II veteran, Mr. DiSibio served in the Army's 321st Infantry.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret DiSibio; his children, Michael DiSibio, Anne Cataldo, Sam DiSibio and Benjamin DiSibio; his brothers, Pat and Lewis DiSibio; his grandchildren, Gina and Claudia Cataldo, Samara Ceccucci and James DiSibio; and his great-grandchildren, Nicolas, Michael, Mia, Addison, Noli and Lana.



105th Infantry Regiment, 3d Battalion, Co M, later 109th Airlift Wing NYANG

John P. Dispirito, 90, passed away Saturday, July 25, 2020, at Orange Park Medical Center, Orange Park, FL. He was born November 29, 1929, in Fonda, the son of late Luigi and Mary DiSpirito. On October 15, 1950, he was married to Carmelia DeBella. She died in 2018.

He was a member of Company M, New York National Guard 105th Infantry Regiment of Gloversville and a master sergeant with the New York Air Nation-

al Guard 109th Airlift Wing of Schenectady, NY.

He served 25 years as an Alderman of Ward 2 in Johnstown. Member of United Brotherhood of Carpenters, Knights of Columbus, PTA, Lions Club, and the Loyal Order of the Moose.

Survivors include his son, John L. DiSpirito of Middleburg, FL; daughter, Deborah Trull (John) of Middleburg, FL; granddaughter, Lesley Hayden (Matthew) of Amsterdam; and a sister, Virginia Healey of Fonda; and several nieces and nephews.

105th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co G

Wilbur "Bud," Freeburg, 86, retired Santa Fe Railroad employee, died May 11, 2006. Survivors: wife, Mary of Denver; son, Dan Freeburg of Salem, Ore.; nieces, nephews, and other relatives.



105th Infantry Regiment, 1st Battalion

John C. "Jack" Gellatly, 90, of Sioux City died of cancer Wednesday, March 11, 2009, at his residence. Jack was born Oct. 21, 1918, in Hastings, the son of Chalmers and Ruth (Malone) Gellatly. He grew up in Red Cloud, NE, then moved to Lincoln, where he graduated from high school. He attended the University of Nebraska.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army on March 5, 1941, and served for 19 months in the Pacific Theater. He was very proud of his service in the U.S. Army and served until the end of World War II.

He married Mary Jane Wilson on Feb. 27, 1942. The couple had three sons. She died Dec. 9, 1992. He worked for Travelers Insurance for 28 years.

He lived and worked in Omaha, Dallas, Texas, Phoenixville, PA, then moved back to Omaha.

He retired in 1982. In 1994, he moved to Sioux City and married Renate Lewis on Oct. 29, 1994.

He was a member of the Siouxland Senior Center and did volunteer work for Hospice of Siouxland for 14 years until his health declined. His main hobby was woodcarving. He was a member of woodcarving clubs in Omaha and Sioux City. He enjoyed going to woodcarving shows.

Survivors include his wife, Renate of Sioux City; three sons, John Chalmers Gellatly of Belles, Texas, Thomas Wilson Gellatly and Michael Malone Gellatly, both of Omaha; two stepsons and their wives, Thomas Erik and Elaine Lewis of Fayetteville, Ga., and Anthony Randall and Julie Lewis of Sioux City; four grandchildren; a step grandson; and three great-grandchildren.

105th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co E

Robert E. Gleason, 87, of Clayton Road, died Friday, May 28, 2010, at Ellis Hospital. Mr. Gleason was born in Schenectady to the late Leroy and Hazel Witcomb Gleason and was a lifelong city resident.

Mr. Gleason was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during WWII.

Mr. Gleason was employed as a crane operator follower at the General Electric Company for 20 years, retiring in 1988. While working at GE, he was a member of Local 301, serving as shop steward and board member for several years. Previously, he owned and operated a moving company, Gleason Brother's.

He was a member of numerous veterans and civic organizations. He was one of the founders of JC Little League.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Frances Shire Gleason; five children, Robert G. Gleason of Schenectady, Mark (Doreen) Gleason of Rotterdam, Jane (Les) DeVarnne of Scotia, Patrick (Tina) Gleason of West Glenville and William Gleason of East Glenville; two brothers, Louis Gleason of Florida and Donald Gleason of Gloversville; eight grandchildren, Noelle Riccardi of Florida, Monique DePalma of Niskayuna, Tiffany Schillaci of Rotterdam, Ryan Gleason of California, Renee DeVarnne of Scotia,

Scott DeVarnne of North Carolina, Michele McTighe of West Glenville and Michael Gleason of Colonie; six great-grandchildren, Atteala, Gina, Samuel, Steven, Addison and Ethan. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

105th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co F

William S. Graham, 81, was the son of the late, John Graham and Elizabeth Tracy. He worked for Cushing Stone, Dearstyne Lumber and Gallo Wine Co. He also worked for the General Electric Co. in pneumatic tool repair from 1966 until his retirement in 1988.

He was also an Army Veteran of WWII.

Mr. Graham was a member of the Moose Lodge #251.

Survivors include ten children; 26 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.



105th Infantry Regiment, Anti-Tank Co

Lewis C. Hansen, age 93, passed away Sunday, March 19, 2017, surrounded by family, at the Wisconsin Veterans Home in King. He was born in McNab, IL on January 27, 1924 to the late John P. and Elsie D. (Rasmussen) Hansen.

Lewis was a proud U.S. Army WWII veteran serving as Staff Sergeant with the Anti-Tank Co., 105 Infantry, 27th Division.

On June 19, 1948, he was united in marriage to Alice M. Jensen. He was a retired semi-truck driver and had worked for Dushek Trucking of Waupaca and Mercury Marine of Fond du Lac, where he was awarded for compiling two million accident-free miles.

His hobbies included hunting, fishing and working with old cars and machinery.

Lewis loved to spend time on the farm and was known for his fine carpentry work. He worked with the Boy Scout organization and was a long-time member of the Waupaca VFW Post 1037.

Most importantly, he loved to care for his family.

Lewis is survived by the love of his life, Alice, a resident of MacArthur Hall at King; children: Mary E. Mathwig, Waupaca; Michael J. Hansen (Lorrie Krueger), Bozeman, MT; Holly M. (Daniel) Bacon, Amherst; and Heather C. (John) Schmit, Ecuador; grandchildren: Cariann (Rob Ramseier) Mathwig-Ramseier, Krista (Joseph) Kostuch, Paul (Stephanie Kroner) Hansen, Heidi (Paul) Smidansky, Stephen (Erin) Hansen, Joshua (Debora) Bacon, Mara (Michael) Syring, Sally (Scott) Aho, Stephanie Wheeler, Kristin (Michael) Harvey, Bethlehem VanEngen, and Jordan (Kailea) Schmit; 23 great-grandchildren with one on-the-way; as well as a sister, Phyllis Lewis of Nekoosa, other relatives and friends.



105th Infantry Regiment & 27th Special Troops Battalion, Signal Co

Raymond P. Hayes, 93, of Port Richey, died May 15, 2010. Survived by wife Kay; children Kathleen, Eileen, Raymond Jr. & John; 6 grand and 5 great-grandchildren.



2d Field Artillery Battalion then 105th Infantry Regiment

Irvan C. "Boss" Herrick, 87, of Bullshead Rd., passed away peacefully Thursday morning at his home in the loving company of his family. Born in Amsterdam on Oct. 22, 1926, the son of the late George and Alice Severin Herrick, he attended local schools. Early in his life, he assisted his father with the operation of the George Herrick Family Dairy Farm and the Harold Phillips Farm.

During World War II, he proudly served with the US Army as a Tech 5 in the 2nd Field Artillery Battalion. Following honorable discharge in 1946, he continued in service to his country with the Army National Guard in the 105th Infantry Regiment as a Sgt. 1st Class, retiring in October of 1986.

Boss worked for over 34 years for Schenectady International retiring in 1988. His memberships include the John J. Wyszomirski Post 701 American Legion; dedicated Life Member and past chief of the Florida Volunteer Fire Department, the Chuctanunda Fish and Game Club; endowment member of the NRA; life member, deacon and elder of the Woestina Reformed Church, and the Montgomery Co. Farm Bureau and was a Boy Scout Leader. Boss and his late wife Barbara enjoyed camping, attending their grandchildren's sporting events, and travelling throughout the US especially Hawaii and Alaska. On August 20, 1949 he was united in marriage to Barbara Hess who predeceased him on January 20, 2010. A son Nicholas George Herrick, sisters Marion Tollster and Alma Lasher also predeceased Boss.

He leaves his children; Robert (Joanne) Herrick of Scotia, Linda (Carl) Sparks of Black Mountain NC, Kathleen (Wayne) Van Detta and Mary Alice Sherlock all of Amsterdam; sisters Gladys Gogis of Pattersonville and Hilda Koontz of Delanson; grandchildren; C.J. and Kristin Sparks, Trevor Herrick, Vincent, Mikayla and Nicole Van Detta, and Meaghan and Kyle Sherlock; great grandchildren Gianna Rose MacLean, Jeffrey Peter Dado III; nieces and nephews.



105th Infantry Regiment, Medical Detachment

Edward D. Huba, 93, died peacefully at the Stratton V. A. Hospital on August 4, 2009 after a brief hospitalization. He was the son of the late William Huba and Mary Bigley Huba, and he resided in Albany all his life.

Ed was a U. S. Army, WW II veteran who served in the 27th Infantry Division for over four and a half years, three of which were in the Pacific theater. He was honorably discharged as a sergeant. Ed was the recipient of the American Defense Service Medal and the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, and was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star for valor at the battle of Saipan. He was a lifelong member of the DAV and an advocate for veterans' rights.

Ed was a retired federal government employee who worked for the Veterans Administration Adjudication Department and the U. S. Department of the Army, Schenectady Depot. He also worked for the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles as supervisor of the registration records section.

Ed was an avid golfer who played the game until he was 80. He developed his love for the sport as a youth, caddying at the Albany Country Club beginning in 1925 at the age of nine.

His fondest memories were of the Albany Municipal Golf Course, now known as Capital Hills, where he played his entire adult life. He was among the first to play the course in 1931, and he was present for its dedication in 1932. His collection of pictures and facts about course history earned him the unofficial title "course historian" by the New York Golf Magazine in 1998. He won the Fourth Annual Times Union hole-in-one contest at "Muni" in 1958.

He is survived by his daughters Dr. Mary Huba (Dr. George Miller) and Christine Van Dyne (Dr. Willis Van Dyne). He was the beloved grandfather of Mi-

chael Van Dyne, Sarah Miller, and Laura Miller. He is also survived by his brothers Albert Huba, Robert Huba (Helen), and his sister Mary Blessing, as well as several generations of nieces and nephews.

Ed taught his family through quiet example the values of honor, duty, and selflessness. His children and grandchildren consider these lessons to be his finest legacy. He will never be forgotten.



105th Infantry Regiment, 3d Battalion, Co L

Frank P. Izzo of Ritchie Place died Tuesday, July 6, 2004, at Saratoga Hospital. He was 83. Born on July 11, 1920, in Saratoga Springs, he was a son of the late Paul and Rufina (Etes) Izzo and was a 1938 Michigan 1938 graduate of Saratoga Springs High School. A 1944 graduate of Michigan State University, he was a member of Phi Kappa Tau.

He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army through the university's ROTC program and served in the Philippines during World War II. Following his honorable discharge, he later served as captain and company commander of Co. L, 105th Infantry of the New York Army National Guard at the Lake Avenue Armory. He retired as a after more than 20 years of service and was instrumental in establishing the company's rifle range on Weibel Avenue.

While at Michigan State, he met his wife and life-long partner, the former Aileen M. Zickgraf, whom he married on May 26, 1944.

Frank served on the city school district's planning committee for the development and construction of the junior/senior high school complex on West Avenue and was a longtime volunteer and chairman for the city's Community Chest fund. He was a sales representative and agent for the Prudential Life Insurance Company in Saratoga Springs for more than 30 years, retiring in 1978.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Aileen M. Izzo; his daughters, Margaret 'Mickey' Harwood of Olean, NY, and Ann Titus and his son-in-law, Leo J. Titus Sr., of Saratoga Springs; five grandchildren, Leo J. Titus Jr., Lisa Kendrick, Frank S. Titus, Christine A. Harwood and Stephen A. Titus; five great-granddaughters; a sister-in-law, Marilyn Izzo of Saratoga Springs; and several nieces and nephews.



105th Infantry Regiment, HQ

Frank H. Bing Jacon, 90, of David Dr., Cohoes, died Tuesday, October 17, 2006 at his residence embraced by his loving family. Born in Cohoes, he was the son of the late Jacob and Mary Makoska Dziekan and beloved husband of Cecelia Trzcinski Jacon of Cohoes. Bing was a lifelong resident of Cohoes and attended the Cohoes schools. He was employed as a sheet metal worker with General Electric in Schenectady for 33 years and retired in 1979.

Bing was a World War II Army veteran with the 105th Infantry and a recipient of the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Distinguished Unit Badge [?] and the Good Conduct Medal. He was a member of the Latham VFW Post 7411, St. Michael's Community Center, Cohoes and the Polish Community Center in Albany.

Bing was an avid polka dancer and enjoyed many polka trips with the late Reverend John Lysogorski. He also enjoyed bowling with various area leagues.

Besides his wife Cecelia, he is survived by his loving daughter, Karen Sclafani and her husband Leonard of Chappaqua, NY; his cherished grandchildren, Alyssa and Evan Sclafani; his sister, Genevieve Depta of Clifton Park; and many nieces and neph-

ews.



105th Infantry Regiment, 1st Battalion, Co C

Stanley E. Kaplan, age 95, of South Park, passed away on Thursday, August 16, 2012.

Stanley was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II and also worked for the United States Post Office until his retirement.

Beloved husband of Joan Anthony-Kaplan and the late Katherine Kaplan; loving father of Patricia Ray and Stanley J. (Jettie) Kaplan; stepfather of Michael (Karen) Anthony; brother of Ronald Kaplan and Lillian Grohol; grandfather of Jason (Beth) Parker, Eva Parker, Keith Ray and Lisa Ray; great-grandfather of Jessica and Amanda Stanislaw; "Pappy" of Katie, Sean and Ryan Anthony.

He also enjoyed woodworking during his free time.



105th Infantry Regiment, 1st Battalion, Co D

Michael Klevitch of 168 Second St., Troy. Beloved husband of Marge (Countryman) Klevitch. Loving father of Peter M. Klevitch of Sommersworth, N.H., Anthony M. Klevitch of Tempe, Arizona, Julie Westfall of Colonie, Mrs. Todd (Amy) Balise of Seattle, Washington, Katerina M. Klevitch of Troy. Also survived by 9 Grandchildren and 2 Great-grandchildren.



105th Infantry Regiment

Frank S. Knapik, 95, of Hibbard Street, passed away peacefully Sunday afternoon at St. Mary's Healthcare after a brief illness. Born in Amsterdam on November 26, 1916, the last surviving child of Joseph and Anna Mruczek Knapik, he was a life-long resident.

He worked for a time for Bigelow Sanford and later began a long career with Consolidated Novelty, retiring as a dock foreman.

Frank was a proud veteran first serving with the Naval reserve. Enlisting in the Army in 1941, he served with the 105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division. He saw combat in the Pacific Theater and received the Purple Heart for wounds received at both Makin Island and Japan. Highly decorated, his other ribbons include Bronze Star, Asiatic-Pacific Medals, as well as Good Conduct and Occupation Medal, Combat Infantry Badge and a Presidential Unit Citation. He was active in the Military Order of the Purple Heart, past commander of DAV, life member of Wyszomirski Post 701 American Legion, the 27th Division Association, VFW and the Polish American Veterans.

Known by his many friends as Snap, he enjoyed horse racing, trips to the casinos and the Jersey shore as well as Polish music and dancing and was a friendly, outgoing gentleman. On Sept. 9, 1945 he was united in marriage to the former Genevieve Traskos. He leaves his beloved daughter, Cynthia J. Irwin of Amsterdam; daughter-in-law, Mary Ellen Lorini of Colonie; grandchildren, Michelle (Robert) Mazur, Jason Irwin, Heather Knapik, and Timothy Knapik; great-grandchildren, Lauren and Matthew Mazur; sister-in-law, Catherine Knapik; as well as nieces and nephews.



105th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co G

Gilbert J. Kosiba of Amsterdam, New York passed away peacefully Friday, December 23, 2016 surrounded by loving family members at home.

He was born May 31, 1921 in Amsterdam, New York a son of the late Joseph and Catherine Krygowski Kosiba. He was a graduate of the former Wilbur h. Lynch High School - Class of 1940 and was a lifelong resident.

Mr. Kosiba joined the Army in October 1940 and following his training was sent to defend Pearl Harbor, Hawaii in 1942. He served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater from 1942 to 1945 as a Staff Sergeant in the 27th Infantry Division and was awarded various medals including the Bronze Star. From the beginning, he participated in the activities of Company "G" of the 27th Division and rose to the National Commander of the 27th Division Association in 1998.

Gilbert was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 209.

Mr. Kosiba was employed by the Scotia Navy Depot and later by the Watervliet Arsenal as a Supervisor from which he retired.

He is survived by his daughter Estelle Cruz and her husband, Carlos and several nieces, nephews and cousins.



*105th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co E; then
10th Mountain*

Anthony C. Kowalczyk, 85, of State Street, passed away at home on Monday, September 20, 2004. Born in Lyon Mountain, N.Y., he was a son of the late Peter and Eva Kurowski Kowalczyk. An area resident for over 80 years, he was a graduate of the Scotia High School and later employed by WRGB Channel 6 as maintenance crew chief until his retirement in 1983.

Anthony, Tony as he was known, was an original member of the US Army 10th Mountain Division Ski Patrol which he served in during World War II. Prior to the War, he was in the National Guard. His service awards include the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal and the Purple Heart. Tony was a life member of the 10th Mountain Division Association and greatly enjoyed attending their reunions.

His other hobbies included reading/research, skiing and television repair.

He is survived by his niece, Patricia and Robert Belden and their three sons, Joseph, Matthew and Andrew Belden, all of Rotterdam, and nephew, Reverend Philip A. LeBeau of West Milford, NJ. He also leaves behind devoted friends, Marian and Bill Jewell and their children, David and James Jewell and Susan Shuman, Robert Durr and Ashok and Susmita Patel.



105th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co F

Seymour M. Krawetz was born 16 September 1915, and died 25 March 2007.



105th Infantry Regiment, 1st Battalion, Co C

William C. Kuhn Sr., 81, of 4th Avenue, died Wednesday, February 11, 2004 at his home. Born in Watervliet on August 2, 1922, he was the son of the late William and Louise Shacket Kuhn. Mr. Kuhn was a graduate of Watervliet High School where he played football and baseball.

He proudly served his country as a first sergeant in the US Army Infantry during World War II participating in beach landings in New Guinea. He later received a Bronze Star for his heroic actions in saving a fellow injured soldier in the Philippine Islands.

Upon returning home, Bill was employed by JM Warren Co. in Troy where he served as a salesman and vice president for wholesale hardware. He later worked for Sager Spuck Supply in Albany as a purchasing agent and then finished his career with Grassland Equipment & Irrigation in Latham as a salesman and equipment manager from 1970-1985.

He is a lifetime member of the Watervliet VFW Post #729, former member of the Watervliet Elks Lodge and enjoyed fishing and golf.

He is the beloved husband of 58 years of Frances M. Cioffi Kuhn; devoted father of William C. Kuhn Jr. of Latham; loving brother of Mary Basle of Latham and Carol (Joseph) Casela of Watervliet; brother-in-law of Lou and Floria Cioffi and Marie Cocca of Watervliet. Bill is also survived by several very close nieces and nephews.



105th Infantry Regiment, 3d Battalion, Co K

Michael A. LaSarso Jr., 95, a lifelong resident of Fort Edward, passed away peacefully, Monday evening, Dec. 23rd at the Glens Falls Hospital with family at his side. Born April, 5, 1918, he was the son of the late Michael and Maria (Bavaro) LaSarso, the fourth of ten children.

He graduated from Fort Edward High School in 1936. Michael worked at International Paper Company in Corinth until he enlisted in the army on Oct 14, 1940 for a 1-year duty.

He trained with the Co K 105th Inf-27 Division. In 1941, he trained in the 2nd maneuvers in Louisiana-Arkansas, which at that time was the largest maneuver the Service had ever had. At Ft. Benning he received the highest mark to go to school but when he discovered the date to go, he told the Lt. that he couldn't, for he would already have been discharged. The Lt. laughed and walked away. Discharged in Oct of '41, he returned home to his job. When Pearl Harbor was attacked he was called in January to return to his outfit. He was in Hawaii until late May when they left Pearl Harbor, destination unknown. While on the ship, they were told that the US was attacking Saipan and that their Co. was delivering supplies to their battalion. On the day of the Banzai attack, they were on alert and at 9:00 PM were prepared to go into battle when they were told it was

over. His outfit did not make a Beach Landing on Saipan but were on the Island for 6 months. As a radio operator, In March of '45, his unit did make a beach landing at Okinawa which was under heavy attack. He was on the first Landing Craft where Kamikaze pilots flew overhead attacking the transports causing heavy damage. There, the Japanese were in caves and the navy bombarded this island for weeks with very little effect. Every night they were under heavy mortar attack by the Japanese. After the Island was secured, they were training to attack Japan when President Truman OK'd the Atomic Bomb. Michael was honorably discharged on Oct. 5 1945. He received his first medals five years after being discharged. In October of 2000, much to his surprise, he received five medals in the mail, including the Bronze Star and World War II Victory Medal. The following April, at the annual 105th Infantry Regimental Ball in Kingston, the 1st Battalion's commander, Colonel Mark Warnecke officially presented them, which Michael was most proud of and spoke about for years.

Upon returning home, Michael worked again at the International Paper Company. He married Anne Suszko of Argyle, September 13, 1947. In 1950, he replaced his wife at her job at Clarke Motors, which later became Bob Clarke Pontiac, where he was an accountant until his retirement in 1980.

Michael was a lifelong member of the Fort Edward Knights of Columbus 336 serving as treasurer there for many years. He and his wife dedicated over 33 years collecting for the Bishop's Drive. He was also a member of the American Legion and the Glens Falls Elks Club.

Michael enjoyed traveling and took his family on numerous vacations.

Michael and Anne spent many winter months with their traveling companions, Mary Koncikowski and Stan Kurys, in Ocala, Florida and with them, numerous Canadian Thanksgivings with relatives in Kitchener, Canada. In 2004, Michael was able to visit the World War II Memorial in Washington, DC.

Michael was an avid reader, participated in bowling leagues, and enjoyed playing pinochle with Anne's sisters and spouses. Every Wednesday and Saturday evening was spent with Michael's siblings and their spouses having coffee following Mass.

Michael had many buddies whom he enjoyed weekly coffee with at various diners while he was employed at Bob Clarke's. Upon his retirement he especially enjoyed walking every morning to Seeley's Diner in Fort Edward. He had numerous, wonderful friends there and loved to engage Terry in political discussions. He loved an argument. Going to Seeley's was his favorite activity until his final week.

Michael was a devoted and loving husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his siblings, Frances Hafner, Josephine Munro, Francis LaSarso, and Nicholas LaSarso. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Also surviving are his daughters and their families, Anne Grow of Hartford, New York, and her children Garrett Grow, Georgia Grow and her fiancé Jeremy Conley, all of New York City, Michele (Mark) Kaizerman of Natick, MA and their daughters, Meghan of Boston and Alyx Cox (Drew), of Kansas, Nancy Barot (Jim) of Glens Falls and their children, Michael Platt and Hallie, also from Glens Falls.



105th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co G

Rudolph G. Lungreen, 91, of Crawford Rd., died Wednesday, November 2, 2011, at home. Rudy was born in St. Croix, Virgin Islands, moving to the Schenectady area many years ago.

He was a World War II veteran. Rudy was a postal carrier for many years before retiring.

He then worked for New York State in the Worker Compensation Department for several years before retiring. He and his wife, Dorothy, through the years fostered 115 children, providing care for infants to

teenagers.

Rudy was a life member of the Knights of St. John Commandry #100.

Survivors include son, Joseph Lungreen; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

105th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co G

Chester S. Marciniac, 94, of Pineview Commons, Johnstown, New York, and formerly of Amsterdam, New York, died peacefully on Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2016, at Ellis Hospital, Schenectady, New York. Born on March 14, 1921, in Amsterdam, New York, he was the son of John and Julia Potok Marciniac. Mr. Marciniac attended Amsterdam schools and was a graduate of the Wilbur H. Lynch High School.

He was a World War II Army veteran where he served in the Pacific Theater.

He was a NYS Conservation Officer for 26 years in Stamford, New York. He also was a firefighter for the city of Amsterdam for a brief time. Mr. Marciniac had operated a sand and gravel business and a fish hatchery where he raised trout in the town of Hope in Hamilton County.

He was married to Patricia Scudder Marciniac. He is survived by his son Nolan Marciniac of Johnstown, NY; his daughter Lanette Marciniac and her husband Bill Close of Albany, NY; granddaughters, Autumn (William) White of Round Lake, NY, and Susanna Fenlon of Ballston Lake, NY; grandson, Reynaldo Crossman of Saratoga, NY; great-granddaughters, Aria Marie White, Ava Zofia Fenlon and Maya Nicola Fenlon; many nieces and nephews.



105th Infantry Regiment, 3d Battalion, HQ

Francis E. Martin passed away on 01 April, 2012. Francis was a lifelong resident of the area born on December 7, 1928 the oldest child of Benjamin and Margaret (McDonald) Martin. He married Helen M. Callaghan on August 25, 1951 at the Church of the Assumption in Gabriels, New York.

Mr. Martin attended and graduated from Saranac Lake High School in 1944. He had been employed by the Saranac Lake Central School District for over 30 years in the Building and Grounds. During his career he worked at the River Street School, Broadway, Petrova Middle-High School and the new high school. He retired as Building and Grounds Assistant Supervisor. Prior to that he worked as a mechanic at the Ford and Buick garages and later drove the delivery truck for Cohan's Hardware (which was located in the vicinity of the current day Aubuchon) situated near the rail road tracks. Cohan's sold to the surrounding five counties. Mr. Martin came to know all the back roads the North Country has to offer. After retirement he continued to work as a short- and long-term substitute School Bus Driver for approximately 5 years and in that capacity, he had many anecdotes to share.

Mr. Martin was a talented artist; he did illustrations for books by local artists and scenic painting on wooden sleds and saws. While working at Broadway Elementary School he did pencil drawings of people, events and local sites for the daily cafeteria menu posted on the bulletin board. The school children vied for the drawing of the day and it gave him great pleasure in his later years to hear that many of those menu sketches are still treasured by former students.

He donated his time and talents to the Saranac Lake Adult Community Center. His artwork graced the senior's bus in the Winter Carnival parade for many years. A kind and gentle man, his life was one of ser-

vice. He was a communicant of St. Bernard's Church. In the 1960's Saranac Lake was home to two convents of the Sisters of Mercy, St. Bernard's and St. Pius. After Vatican II the Sisters were allowed to drive. He gladly took on the task of teaching the nuns from both convents to drive, all of whom passed their road test on the first try. St. Pius X High School purchased an older vintage school bus to transport the sports teams. Long before his children attended St. Pius, he was using his mechanic skills to keep the bus safe and running. He also doubled as the bus driver; worried that if it broke down on a cold winter's night, he would be able to get them back on the road quickly. In his later years he provided a ride for anyone that needed it; be it a doctor's appointment out of town, an annual trip to see family downstate or a trip to the grocery store. If a ride was needed, he generously provided it. He was always happiest in the driver's seat. Mr. Martin volunteered for Meals on Wheels as a delivery driver for the Saranac Lake Adult Center, volunteered yearly to place flags on local veteran graves for the Saranac Lake American Legion, volunteered as Range Safety Officer at the Saranac Lake Fish and Game Club, 1960's served as Reserve Auxiliary Officer for the Saranac Lake Police Department, served as Boy Scout Merit Badge Counselor for local Boy Scout District and consistently donated blood for the American Red Cross.

Mr. Martin is a highly decorated veteran of the United States Army and the New York State National Guard, serving from 1947 to 1988. He served 10 years enlisted and over 30 years in the National Guard attached to both the Saranac Lake and Carthage, NY units. As Chief Warrant Officer - 4 he was one of the highest-ranking warrant officers in New York State. His years in the National Guard found him serving in various places; the race riots in the deep south, the lock down in Attica during the prisoner revolt as well as deployments to West Germany and Italy. He and his wife traveled extensively overseas by flying "Space A" on C-130's out of Dover, Delaware. At age 65 he was the oldest reserve officer recalled to active duty for Operation Desert Storm. He was the director of the Family Support Unit for the 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, New York.

He was fascinated by history and a strong supporter and faithful presenter at the Brighton History days. In addition to the period clothing and artifacts he had a poster of his family tree. Included in his family tree was his grandfather, Fred Martin, the Adirondack Guide who carried the TB ravaged Dr. Edward L. Trudeau from the train when he arrived. Fred Martin's sister was Lydia Martin Smith, wife of Paul Smith.

He is survived by his children; Paula M. Fowler of Vermontville, Dean W. (Pamela) Martin of Saranac Inn, Joseph B. (Sandra) Martin, USMC of Norfolk and Adlayd M. Collins of Canton. He is also survived by his grandchildren Maxwell A. Martin of Buffalo, NY, Nicole A. Martin of Burlington, VT, Terri L. (Joseph) Bullock and Rebecca Collins both of Canton, NY, step granddaughter Mariah Desjardian and Sarah Morrisette of Ontario Canada, step grandson Paul T. (Staci) Fowler, step great grandchildren Jason Fowler and McKalya Collins all of Gardiner, Maine, brother Benjamin (Jeanette) Martin of Chesterton, Indiana and Douglas (Patsy) Martin of Savannah, Missouri and many nieces and nephews.



227th Signal Battalion; 105th Infantry Regiment, HQ

Charles F. Merrigan, 97, beloved husband of the late Betty Merrigan, passed away on Wednesday, October 23, 2013. He is survived by his grandson, Matthew Merrigan of West Chester, PA and his niece, Kathy Cross of Nassau, NY. He is also survived by several other loving nieces and nephews.

Fran was born in Troy, NY in 1916. He served his country in the U.S. Army and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1964.

He graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1952 as an Electrical Engineer. He was a long-time employee of General Electric Company, also

working on the NASA Space Program.

Fran was a resident of Satellite Beach, FL since 1977 and enjoyed golfing, boating, flying as a licensed private pilot, organ club and talking to friends on his ham radio. He was a man of many achievements and led an interesting and accomplished life. We will miss him and remember him with fondness always.



105th Infantry Regiment, 3d Battalion, Co M, then [?]

Michael J. Muska, 82, of Yost Street, Johnstown, died unexpectedly Wednesday, Feb. 27, at home. He was born on Sept. 28, 1919 in Johnstown, the son of Thomas and Mary Billa Muska. He graduated from Johnstown High School.

He served in the Army Company M 27th Infantry Division during WWII. He was held as a prisoner of war in Germany for over 100 days. He also took part in the liberation of France and was discharged Dec. 6, 1945 with the rank of captain. He received the Purple Heart in 1945.

He was foreman of the making room of the former Denkert Sporting Goods, Johnstown. He was a member of VFW Post 510, 27th Division Association, & DAV Johnstown.

He married Evelyn Jurica on Aug. 29, 1945. Survivors include his wife, Evelyn Jurica Muska, Johnstown; two daughters, Lynn Mylott and Susie Joyce, both of Johnstown; one sister, Mary Bakyta of Johnstown; three grandsons, Jason Mylott, Jeff Mylott and Gregory Joyce; one granddaughter, Michelle Joyce. He was predeceased by one brother, Thomas Muska and sister, Sophie Malik.



105th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co H

Eli ""Nick"" Nicosia, age 97, of Tuscaloosa, died May 16, 2016. He was born in Winstead, CT.

He joined the Army in 1941.

He was an active participant in the Pacific Theatre receiving two Purple Hearts, serving in different units, including the 27th Infantry Division.

He left the service and attended the University of the Ozarks and the University of Alabama receiving his Master's in Chemistry in 1953. He worked and eventually retired from the Department of Defense in Pensacola, Florida.

Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Lera Nicosia; daughter, Debra Shelton (Bruce); son, Gary Nicosia (Deborah); granddaughters, Sarah and Jennifer Shelton; step granddaughter, Cristy Frazier (Chet); and step great-granddaughters, Peyton and Savanna Frazier.



105th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co G Past National Commander

Louis J. Noto, 94, of Amsterdam NY, has gone to his eternal rest on Thursday January 12th, 2017. Born on May 17th, 1922 in Waverly PA, he was the son of the late Rose Politi and Severio Noto. Louis attended local schools.

In 1939 he bravely enlisted in the National Guard, 27th Infantry Division, Company G, and courageously served our country in the Pacific Tour during WWII. He was awarded several medals for his service including a Purple Heart Medal.

Louis committed many years to the Greater Amsterdam School District earning his retirement in 1987. Louis was a former president of the Amsterdam School District's Custodian Union, and was a former co-owner of New Amsterdam Catering which was once located on Reid Street in Amsterdam before closing their doors in 1990. Louis married the love of his life Mary C. Messineo on February 10th, 1945.

He was a proud member of Knights of Columbus Counsel 209. Louis was a past grand knight; he was a member of Monsignor William Brown 4th Degree Knight. He also served on the Capital District Conference as a past district deputy. He was a former member of St. Michael's Holy Name Society and a former member of St. Agnello Club. In 2014 Louis was inducted into the Amsterdam Mohawks Hall of Fame for his 21 years of dedicated service as coach to the city's little league baseball teams. He served as president and commissioner of the Wee Men Majors League in earlier years of his life.

Louis was well natured easy-going man who got along with everyone. He was a devoted family man, a genuine friend, and an incredible role model for many. He enjoyed gardening particularly vegetables, and liked to make his own home-made wine. He loved woodworking and spending time with his family especially his grandchildren. Through his commitment to the community Louis inspired and touched many lives. He will be deeply missed and remembered fondly by all who were fortunate enough to know him.

Louis is survived by his beloved wife Mary Noto; his sons Robert (Cindy) Noto and Louis T. (Linda) Noto; his grandchildren, Tamara (Bill) Courtney, Jennifer (Fred Dellasandro) Fritz, Lisa Noto, Elizabeth Noto, and Robert R. Noto; his niece Lori Noto; and his sister in-law Gloria Noto.

105th Infantry Regiment, 1st Battalion, Co B

Robert William Novak passed away on October 12, 2007.

A veteran of the US Army and served proudly during WWII.

Robert will be sadly missed by his family in Maryland and California. Beloved husband of Lillian J. Novak (Nee Lutz), devoted father of Linda Knight, Wayne and Raymond Novak, loving grandfather of Amy Larkins, great grandfather of Dominic DeFlavis.

105th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co H

Louis V. Pappa, passed away on 20 October, 2014 in Anniston, AL.



105th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co H

Edward H. Redfield, age 90, of, Pembroke, MA. died Saturday, September 27, 2008 at Newfield House, Plymouth, MA. Edward was born July 4, 1918 in Highland Park, NJ the son of the late Norton Redfield and the late Mary (Pendergast) Redfield. He graduated New Brunswick High School, New Brunswick, NJ. and then Graduated Rider University, Trenton, NJ. With a degree in accounting. He started his career with American Cyanamid Co. and at the time of his retirement in 1976, held a position of Controller for Arizona Chemical Co., Wayne, NJ.

He was married to the late Georgia Richards Redfield for 57 Years.

Edward was a former 56-year resident of Goshen, NY. and moved to The Village at Duxbury in Duxbury, MA in 2001.

He served in the Army from 1941 to 1945 during World War II, serving with the 27th Infantry Division. He received the Bronze Star for Meritorious Service on the Island of Saipan in July, 1944, he also received the Combat Infantryman's Badge.



105th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co F

Marvin J. Rubinski, 92, formerly of Mont Pleasant, passed away at Glendale Nursing Home on Friday, June 7, 2013. Born in Schenectady, he was the son of the late Joseph and Mary Rubinski. Marvin was a millwright for the Knolls Atomic Power Lab, for 35 years.

Marvin served in the United States Army in WWII and was a recipient of the Bronze Star and the NY State Conspicuous Cross.

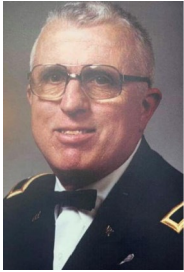
He was a member of the Polish American Veterans, St. Joseph's Athletic Club, St. Joseph's Bowling League, the NYS 27th Division Association, the former Y.M.P.A., and the Bowling League.

Marvin was the brother-in-law of Bernadine Mastroianni, and Alfreda Balga of Schenectady. Also survived by several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews and great-great-nieces and nephews.

105th Infantry Regiment, 1st Battalion, Co B

Sherlie E. (Sherle) Scillian was born August 4, 1925 in Quanah, Texas to F.M. and Sarah Scillian. He passed away peacefully at home after a long illness.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce; 4 children, Mark (Byrna), Stephanie (Keven), Lora (Fritz), and Jon. Twelve grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren.



105th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion

James H. Shaw, 94, died Monday, November 26, 2018 at Ellis Hospital. Jim was born in Schenectady to the late Harry and Lucille Clement Shaw and was a lifelong resident of Schenectady's north side Goose Hill neighborhood. He was a graduate of the former Nott Terrace High School and worked briefly for ALCO and General Electric.

Jim began his more than 38 years with the military when he enlisted in the U.S. Army in November of 1942. He graduated from radio operator/mechanic school and aerial gunner school. He was awarded the silver wings of an aerial gunner. He served overseas for one year, stationed in India in the China, Burma, India Theater of WW II. He had over 500 hours of aerial combat as a radio operator and gunner. His WWII decorations included the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with 2 clusters, Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, WW II Victory Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with 4 Battle Star. Jim began his NYS Army National Guard career in 1949. He was promoted through the ranks, retiring from the Army National Guard in 1979, and from the Reserves in 1984, as a Brigadier General.

He was a life member of the VFW Post 1895, Retired Officers, CBI Veterans, Hump Pilots and Bur-

ma Star Associations. He was also a member of the 7th Bomb Group Historical Foundation, Liberation Club, Ex CBI Roundup, and a past member of the National Guard Association U.S. and the Militia Association NY. In addition to his military career, he worked for Schenectady County as the supervisor of automobile repairs for over 20 years. He served on the Red Cross Board of Directors Blood Drive, volunteered for SICM, and a former member of the Governor's Club (1973).

He is survived by two daughters, Sue (Richard Tracy) Thompson of Ballston Spa and Tricia K. (Gerald Myers) Shaw of Schenectady; a dear sister-in-law, Jane Dingman; and many beloved nieces and nephews.



105th Infantry Regiment, 1st Battalion, Co B

John A. Sidur, 97, formerly of Hamilton St. in Cohoes, died Friday January 23, 2015 at Samaritan Hospital in Troy embraced by his loving family. Born in Cohoes, he was the son of the late Albert and Agnes Dernoga Sidur and beloved husband of Josephine M. Depta Sidur of Cohoes. John lived most of his life in Cohoes and was educated in Poland and in Cohoes.

He was a proud WWII, Staff Sgt. Army combat veteran. John was a rifleman on the front lines for most of the US Army's involvement in the Pacific Theater. He was wounded at both Saipan and Okinawa and received a presidential unit citation for his actions. He was decorated in honor and the recipient of the Purple Heart, with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star Medal, American Defense Service Medal, Asiatic Pacific Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. He was also awarded the New York State Conspicuous Service Star.

By order of the Secretary of the Army, John was made a lifetime honorary member of the 105th Infantry Regiment.

John retired from the Norton Company as a machinist.

He was a true outdoorsman; enjoying hunting, fishing and especially deep-sea fishing. John enjoyed the canine companionship of his many beagle hounds throughout his life. He was a member of the Polish American Association, American Legion, 27th Infantry Division Association and the Cohoes Senior Citizens.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by many dear nieces and nephews.

105th Infantry Regiment, HQ

Myer G. Smith, 89, died Jan. 11, 2009.

105th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co H

Edward “Ottawa” Vertucci Sr. of Amsterdam NY passed away on Thursday May 24th, 2018. He was 101 years young! Born in Gloversville on March 1, 1917, he was the son of Dominic Vertucci and Clarinda (Clara) Nikoli Vertucci. Ed attended Gloversville schools where he enjoyed football, baseball and boxing.

He was a WWII Veteran. In 1940 he enlisted in the US Army and joined the 27 Division, Company M [?].

In 1946 Ed married his great love Angelina (Angie) and they shared 55 years together before her passing in 2001.

From 1948 to 1951 he owned and operated Oattie’s Pool Room on S. Main St. in Gloversville after which he worked at the Navy Depot as an electrician. In 1966 he started working for the US Postal Service as a mail carrier. He worked there through his retirement. In 1984 he and Angie moved to Vero Beach Florida until Angie’s passing. He loved dressing up as Father Time on New Year’s Eve, Santa Claus at Christmas, and the Easter Bunny. All of this for the enjoyment of the children in his family. He could be seen running through neighbors’ yards

dressed as Santa and thrilling the neighborhood children on Christmas Eve. He was at his best when hosting family reunions, and sitting by the firepit in his backyard on West Street. He loved making movies of every family event. He enjoyed listening to Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Perry Como. At Hillcrest Springs he was known as the “Singing Resident.”

Ed and Angie’s greatest accomplishments were their devoted children Linda (Dick) Ford of the Villages Florida and Edward Jr. (Lisa) Vertucci of Amsterdam, as well as Step-Grandchildren Frank Fattoruso Jr. of Saratoga Springs NY, Karen (Mark) Egeling of Fairport NY, Jeff Ford of Rochester, and Step Great- Grand-Children Ryan and Justin Egeling of Fairport, several nieces and nephews and Sisters-In-laws.

He was always happy to reminisce about his childhood and the good old days... his mind was sharp until his final days. We will all miss the “Mighty Ott.”



105th Infantry Regiment, 1st Battalion, Co A

Charles F. Whalen, Lt. Col. U.S. Army (Ret), 89, passed away peacefully on, Thursday, November 20, 2008. Charles was born on June 9, 1919 in Watervliet, NY son of the late William and Rose (Van Hausen) Whalen. He graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, NY where he was one of the founders of the school's radio station.

A retired Army veteran, Lt. Col. Whalen honorably served our country for over 20 years. In 1962 he moved to this area and worked for General Electric as a production manager. Throughout his life, Charles was actively involved in professional and community organizations to include B.P.O.E # 2193, Ormond Beach where he was a life member and served two terms as D.D.G.E. R., F.O.E. # 3800, Ormond Beach, L.O.O.M.# 1263, Ormond Beach, D.A.V. # 84, Holly Hill, V.F.W. # 4319, 27th Div Assn., Fl, 13th ABN Div. Assn., and the Halifax Area Chapter of the Retired Officers Assn. He was a member of St. Brendan's Catholic Church and enjoyed traveling, dancing and playing golf.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 22 years, Betty; sons, William J. and Charles T., both from Gainesville, Ed (Frank), Ormond Beach; daughters, Mary Frances Ott, S.C., Charlene W. Ruse, Gainesville, Theresa (Steven) Smoke, Newark, OH, Vicki Horn, Marengo, OH, Becky J. Smith, Columbus, OH; brother, John, California; ten grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.



105th Infantry Regiment, 1st Battalion, Co B & Howitzer Co [Cannon?], 27 MP Co

Richard G. Whiting, 86, passed away at the home of his daughter, Sheleen Gordon, on South Bay Road, on Friday, Sept. 29, 2006, following a long illness. Richard was born on Feb. 15, 1920, in Whitehall, the son of the late Gordon and Viola (Vernon) Whiting.

He joined the New York Army National Guard in 1939, and was activated with the Anti-Tank Company in December 1940. He served as an infantry platoon sergeant with Company B 105 in Okinawa and Saipan where he was wounded and received a Purple Heart.

Upon Dick's return from the military, he married Gloria J. Belden.

He was then employed at the Hudson Falls General Electric as a machinist for 29 years, where he retired in 1982.

Dick was an avid hunter and enjoyed working and walking in his woodlots. He had a great personality and always had a joke to share with his family and many friends.

Survivors include his two sons, Richard G. Whiting and his wife, Martha, of Whitehall and W. Keith Whiting and his wife, Penny, of Whitehall; his two daughters, Darcy and her husband, Garry, of Surprise, Ariz., and Sheleen Gordon and her companion, Arthur Smith, of Clemons; his brother, Robert of Hebron; his two sisters, Jean Mudgett and her husband, Charles, of Lake Placid, Fla., and Mildred Collins of Georgia. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Garry Longtin, Terri Longtin, Richard P. Whiting, Elizabeth (Whiting) Lyng, Martha (Whiting) Camara, Christopher K. Whiting, Pamela Gordon, Juliette Gordon, Danon K. Whiting and Laurel J. Whiting; 10 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.



105th Infantry Regiment, 1st Battalion, HQ & 13th Armored Division

Major Anthony J. Wirmusky died on September 10, 2009 surrounded by his family at the Hoosick Falls Health Center, after valiantly battling cancer for the last several years. Major Wirmusky, known as Tony, was born in Hoosick Falls, N.Y. on November 10, 1918. A lifelong resident of Hoosick Falls, he attended St. Mary's Academy (as did his five sons) and R.P.I. in Troy, N.Y.

While attending R.P.I., he decided to enlist in the N.Y. National Guard, which was mobilized, at the beginning of World War II. His military service in World War II took him across the American South, to California and into the Pacific Theater in Hawaii and the Philippines. He was a tank brigade commander [?], twice awarded the Bronze Star for battlefield valor.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Faye (Smith) Wirmusky and children, A.J., Richard, Frank and Peter. Also survived by his sister, Regina (Wirmusky) Hubbard; niece, Teresa (Hubbard) Brennan; grandsons, Anthony and Joseph Wirmusky; goddaughter, Peg (Rimkunas) Barratto.

Following his military service, Major Wirmusky married Faye Smith in 1946. For many years, he ran the Owl Garage, a Wirmusky family business. In 1958, Major Wirmusky was appointed by President Eisenhower to the position of postmaster in Hoosick Falls, until his retirement in 1981. Tony was a director of the old Permanent Savings and Loan Bank and a Legion of Honor member of Hoosick Falls Kiwanis Club.

Along with Howard Haynes and Gene Salluzzo (both deceased), Tony played poker every Monday night for more than 50 years with a card club known as the "Undertakers." Tony and Faye also had close family ties with members of the Hayden, Lawler and Murphy families. Amongst their friends, numerous close ties with retired comrades and friends in Hawaii where they wintered for many years. Summers found Tony at Hedges Lake where the family has owned a cottage since 1956, the setting for a lifetime of family celebrations.





106th Infantry Regiment



106th Infantry Regiment, 1st Battalion, Co A

Robert L. Akerley passed away 9/4/2006. Survived by his sons Robert L. Akerley and Mark Akerley as well as countless family and friends.

106th Infantry Regiment, Service Co

Raymond J. Altrock passed away on 22 January, 2000.



106th Infantry Regiment, 3d Battalion, Co L

Mr. Joseph M. Artessa, Sr., age 98, went home to the Lord as he passed away on Friday, July 8, 2016 with his devoted family at his side. Born in Utica on February 22, 1918, Joseph was the son of the late Fortunato and Maria (Greco) Artessa. Raised and educated locally, Joe was a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), a public works project intended to promote environmental conservation.

A proud veteran, Joe was also a member of the New York Army National Guard which was activated during World War II into the United States Army. He was stationed in the Pacific Theater of Operations where he served his country with honor for the entire duration of the War. He was the recipient of

the Bronze Star and Purple Heart with cluster for his valor.

On October 12, 1946 he married the former Mary Egitto with whom he shared nearly 70 years as great partners in life. Love was the key to their success. Joe worked in the motor pool at Griffiss Air Force Base, a career that spanned 30 years until his retirement in 1976. He concurrently worked as a master carpenter and over the years he remodeled and constructed many a home.

In 1952, he began the construction of his legendary family summer home at White Lake where he spent many wonderful summers with his family. Joe was honest, respectful, and humble; hallmarks of the Great Generation. He was a good family man and a good provider. A passionate golfer, Joe got a hole-in-one at Pine Hills in June of 2001 at the age of 83! He continued to play golf a minimum of three days a week - until the age of 95! In retrospect, Joe felt he had a good life filled with many blessings.

Joseph is survived by his wife, Mary; his sons and daughters-in-law, Joseph M., Jr. and Carm Artessa of Deerfield, and David and Martha Artessa of Monticello, Georgia; his grandchildren, Joseph M. III and Sarah Artessa, Mark and Megan Artessa, Gina and William Bienkowski; twin granddaughters, Misty and Craig Garvin and Christy and Kenneth Roberts, and David B. and Johna Artessa; and 16 great-grandchildren. He will be remembered by his sister, Betty Angerosa; his brother and sister-in-law, Morris and Patricia Artessa, his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws, Florence and Michael P. Rose with whom Joe and Mary shared many wonderful years.



106th Infantry Regiment, 1st Battalion HQ

Julius Basen, a lifelong resident of Hudson, died Wednesday, July 22, 2009, at the age of 90, after a brief illness.

Mr. Basen, a World War II veteran, fought in the Pacific Theatre and received a Bronze Star for valor.

He was the proprietor of Basen's Cigar Store on Warren St. in Hudson for many years, along with his brothers, Abe and Sam. He retired in 1985. Mr. Basen was a life member of C.H. Evans Hook & Ladder Co. and American Legion Post #184. He was a free and accepted mason in Columbia Lodge No. 98.

Mr. Basen was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Sylvia Goldwasser Basen. He is also survived by daughter, Cheryl Basen; son, Donald Basen; daughter-in-law, Joni Lieberman Basen; and adoring grandsons, Ari and Iyal Basen, all of Albany. He was the youngest of nine children of the late Joseph and Hannah Basen, and was the last survivor among his siblings. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.



106th Infantry Regiment, 3d Battalion, Co I, then 10th Mountain Past National Commander

Norman W. Beauchamp, 80, of 45 Catherine St., Mohawk, passed away on Wednesday, May 29, 2002 at Bassett Healthcare, Cooperstown. He was born Feb. 27, 1922 in Piercefield, son of the late Edward and Lucy (Scanlon) Beauchamp. Norman was

educated in St. Francis de Sales Catholic schools and graduated from Herkimer High School, class of 1940. Mr. Beauchamp had been a longtime resident of Herkimer, moving to Mohawk in 1957.

After graduation, Norman entered the military with the NY National Guard's 27th Division, enlisting on Oct. 15, 1940. He served in Hawaii; was reassigned to the 10th Mountain Division in 1943, training and eventually deployed to Italy in January, 1945. Norman was wounded in March, 1945 near Della Spe, Italy. While serving his country he received the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. In September, 1945 Norman was honorably discharged from the service from Halloran Hospital.

His marriage to Helen Tresohlavy took place on Sept. 28, 1946 at St. Francis de Sales Church in Herkimer.

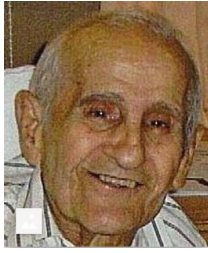
Mr. Beauchamp retired from the former Sperry Rand, Univac, where he held the position of electronics technician. Later he worked and retired from the former Mohawk Data Science in East Herkimer.

He was also a life member of the following organizations: Military Order of the Purple Heart General Herkimer, Chapter 130; Herkimer VFW Post No. 4915; Disabled American Veterans. He was a member of the 27th Infantry Division Association and was past commander.

His first priority in life was his family, and he proved himself a wonderful and caring husband, father, and grandfather, fulfilling each of those roles with loving warmth and great success.

Survivors include his loving wife of 55 years, Helen; his beloved children, Norma Gruendike and husband Mark of Kenmore, Benjamin Beauchamp of Natick, MA, Wallace Beauchamp and wife Lois of Gaithersburg, MD, Christine Fitzwater and husband David of Jacksonville, FL, Patricia

Roberts and husband Jeffrey of Herkimer, and Pamela Bello and husband David of Herkimer; nine cherished grandchildren, Peter and Jeffrey Gruendike, Kathryn and David Beauchamp, Renee, Matthew and Rachel Roberts, and Brianne and Brandon Bello; and several nieces, nephews, and in-laws.



106th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co H
Charles J. Bianco. Charles passed away at age 90 from natural causes.

Born in PA, Charles was the 11th of 13 children. He is also survived by only one sibling, his youngest brother, Frank Bianco and wife, Darlene of Endicott, NY. Charles spent his youth working on the family farm and had only received a grade school education.

Determined to do his part, he lied about his age and joined the Army at 15. He was awarded 2 Bronze Stars and 3 Purple Hearts during his 4 years of active duty, mainly in the Philippines, which ended when he was severely wounded. He was presumed dead and placed in a body bag on the battlefield. Determined to survive, he willed his body to move and it was noticed by another soldier. He was then taken to a medical unit where he laid in waiting for 3 days, behind the guys who actually had a chance of survival, for surgical treatment. Charles was paralyzed and after years of rehab, he walked with braces and fell in love with Johanna, his best friend's sister and his volunteer tutor.

Charles worked making contact lenses and eventually became a pioneer of what is now called Mr. Mom, caring for his 6 children while Johanna worked as the school secretary prior to receiving her nursing degree.

He was dedicated beyond family, to his community and to all children. He was the scoutmaster of the well-known Troop 4 for 10 years and received the Live Oak Award for his outstanding leadership. His former scouts still claim those years were some of the best in their lives. Charles was so pro education that he himself went back to Vocational School in his 40's and earned his high school diploma with top honors. Charles was known to challenge himself daily. He lived life with a grateful to be alive attitude.

He never complained and did all he could for others. He assisted the elderly, the sick, the neighbors and all children. Through the decades, he taught a few hundred kids to swim, including all his grandchildren. He loved the water and was known to hold his breathe over 4 minutes. He can be best described as a man's man with a heart of gold. Charles was a tough guy, a jack of all trades and despite his disabilities, he never backed down from a challenge. He had an ingenuity to long for and an uncanny sixth sense.

There is so much to miss about him that only time will tell what we will miss the most but we believe it will be his loving heart, his genuine compassion for others and his undying perseverance. We will miss the man who made such an impact on so many lives. We will miss the man who smiled til the very end. May he rest in peace.

He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Johanna, all 6 of their children, Mark, Charlene (Kenneth Cluley), Michael, Lynne, Eric (Saronda), and Joseph, 13 grandchildren and 8 greatgrandchildren.



106th Infantry Regiment, 3d Battalion, Co L, then USAF

Carl W. Buttenschon Jr., was born June 27, 1921 in Utica, New York and passed away November 3, 2004 in Dallas, Texas.

Mr. Buttenschon retired from Industrial Life Insurance Co. and also retired from the U. S. Airforce as Major.

He was a Mason for 56 years with Utica Lodge No. 47, F. & A. M., Utica, NY 13501.

Survived by his wife Dorothy F. Buttenschon; daughters, Nanci Zachary, Susan Perdue and husband Biff; grandson, Christopher Brian Jones; brother-in-law, J.D. Henry and sister, Alice Schofer.



106th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co F
Maurice F. “Sonny” Cetta, 85 of Walton, passed away Monday evening June 28, 2004, at Wilson Hospital Johnson City, after a short illness. Sonny was born March 30, 1919 in New York City the son of the late Frank and Madeline Launt Cetta, He moved to Walton as a young child and graduated from Walton High School class of 1938.

He served his country during WW II in the Pacific Theatre with the Army National Guard 27th Division, Company F from Walton, receiving the Bronze Star.

Sonny was a respected businessman, first working in then owning the family business, Cetta Brothers Shoe Store, then the Bean Bro. Bowling Pin Co, and later owning the Homestead Restaurant, in Colliersville.

Upon retirement he wintered in Florida and worked as an appraiser for the Broward County Florida, Board of Assessors. On April 24, 1949 he married the former Betty DuMond. Sonny was active in the community being a lifelong member of Christ Church, Walton, serving in the vestry, senior warden, and usher in his later years, Life member of the American Legion, VFW, and Walton Veterans Club, all of Walton, and a member of the Walton Kwanis Club, and Walton Chamber of Commerce. Sonny was also a loyal New York Yankee fan.

He is survived by his loving wife Betty Cetta, 5 nephews, 1 niece, many special cousins, who include Pat and Dolly Liguori.



106th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion Co G
Frederick Gabriel Choromanski, 94, of Fairfield, entered peacefully into eternal rest on January 27, 2014. He was the husband of Evelyn Miller Choromanski for 64 years. He was born on March 18, 1919 in Bridgeport, CT to Franciszek and Aniela Dzwonkowska Choromanski. At a young age, Fred and his family moved to Poland where he grew up and received his primary and secondary education and apprenticeship to become a tailor.

In 1939, he returned to this country, and during WWII, served as a First Sergeant in the U.S. Army Infantry in the Pacific Theater where he was seriously wounded in the Battle for Saipan.

After the war, Fred received further training at the Gentleman's School of Design in NYC, and later taught courses in Tailoring. Under the GI Bill, Fred decided to further his education, first receiving a degree from Seton Hall University. He later received advanced degrees from the University of Bridgeport and Fairfield University. He also received a fellowship to study Russian at Dartmouth College. He left the tailoring field to become a Special Education teacher in Newark, NJ, and then in Norwalk, CT. He later was appointed Director of Special Education for Norwalk. In addition to his duties as an administrator, Fred taught the Russian language at Brien McMahon H.S.

Upon retirement, Fred was a surrogate parent for children with special needs acting as their advocate. Fred was an active member of Polish Falcons Nest 36, serving as secretary for 50 years, the Dr. B.L. Smykowski scholarship committee, the Polish Heritage Society, VFW Post #9427, American Legion Post 74, the Disabled American Veterans, the Council for Exceptional Children, and other professional organizations. Fred received multiple awards and honors for his professional, civic and fraternal work. He also enjoyed activities at the Fairfield Senior Center. Fred was an active member of various ministries at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Fairfield.

Memorial Day was a special holiday for Fred and his family. He would proudly wear his army uniform and march as a flag bearer in the local parade. On Veterans Day, Fred would again don his uniform and visit classrooms to talk about his war experience. His family considers Fred a Renaissance man - a person of many skills and talents with a great love of learning. He was always open to new possibilities. In his later years, Fred enjoyed writing memoirs of his parents, his life after 1939, and a collection of essays written by Polish survivors of WWII. Fred will be remembered for his great love of life, his sense of humor, and his dedication to family, friends and education. Whether as husband, father, grandfather, educator, soldier, carpenter or friend, he always strove to do his best.

Fred is survived by his wife, Evelyn, and their five children; Marcella Vidoli and husband, Donald; Frederick Choromanski and wife, Marion; Gabrielle Prosnitz and husband, Eric; Annette Kenney and husband, Robert; Jeanette Howard and husband, Jack; 11 grandchildren - Michael, Stephanie, Emily, Kristen, Carissa, Katherine, Brian, Benjamin, Christopher, James and Sara; 2 great grandchildren - Ella and Dylan; sisters, Helen Dobkowska, Alfreda Witecka, Lucyna Ciskowski, and Irena Jablonowska.



106th Infantry Regiment, Anti-Tank Co

Ludwig H. Chrismar, 88, of Dunedin, passed away Sunday, May 11, 2008. Ludwig was known to many as Liddy or Chris and was very active in Meals on Wheels for 20 years. He was born in New York

City and moved to this area in 1989, from Southampton, PA where he was production manager for Bond Bread and Ward's Baking Co.

He was a graduate of NYU and served in the U.S. Army during WWII.

He was a member of Grace Lutheran and belonged to the Gophers; he also belonged to the Vasa Club, Swedish Club, and Young at Heart Club. Liddy was an avid historian and was very knowledgeable on American history, especially the Civil War. Chris was a golfer and enjoyed his retirement and loved his wife.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Margaret; son, Stephen; granddaughter, Jackie Maldonado and great-grandchildren, Justin & Aiden.



106th Infantry Regiment, 1st Battalion, Co B & 27th Special Troops Battalion, Signal Co

Emmet Robert Condon, of Lauderdale Lakes, FL, passed away August 7, 2010. He was born in Brooklyn, NY January 8, 1919.

He served in the Army in WWII and had an extensive customer and airport services management career with Trans World Airlines.

He married Margaret Ann (Smith) Condon; they raised their family in MA, NY, MD, MO, Libya, France, and NJ before moving to Hollywood in 1971.

He is survived by his loving daughters, Teresa Reiff (Tampa, FL), Colleen Condon (Tamarac, FL), Kathleen Howard (Montgomery, AL), Mary Parish (Sunrise, FL) and Trish Swan (Trevor) (Peachtree City, GA); and grand-children, Anne-Marie Guthrie, Cari O'Brien, Krystal Jeffcoat, Blythe Bimber and Shelby Swan; along with great-grandchildren, Elizabeth and Caroline Parent, Lawton D. Jeffcoat III, Erin O'Brien and Connor O'Brien.



106th Infantry Regiment, 1st Battalion, Cos D & Service

Malcolm A. Dawes, 94, of Schodack passed away at home on August 8, 2016, surrounded by family and friends. Born in Schodack, he was the son of the late Josiah and Edith Dawes.

Mr. Dawes was a World War II Veteran serving from 1940-1945 in D Company, 106th Infantry Regiment of the 27th Division and was later transferred to the Service Company. While in the Army, Mr. Dawes served his Country in Okinawa and Saipan.

Mr. Dawes went on to work for Diamond Crystal Salt as a salesman and later worked for Ryder as a mechanic. He enjoyed visiting friends at the East Greenbush Diner and True Value as well as other local establishments.

He is survived by his step-sons, Tim Steele of Texas and George Steele of East Greenbush; grandchildren, Jeffrey (Samantha) Steele of Texas, Heather (Timothy) Thompson of East Greenbush, Barbara Steele of East Greenbush and Tara Steele of Florida; brother, Donald Dawes of East Greenbush; and sister, Dorothy Teeter of East Greenbush; great-grandchildren, Mathieu, Jescyka, Jordan, Stephen, Ben and Sarah. He is also survived by his beloved brother-in-law, Gordon Middleton, whom he was best friends with for over 85 years as well as several nieces and nephews.



106th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co E

Frank D. DePersis of Binghamton, 95, went to be with the Lord on February 10, 2018. During his lifetime he worked in sales, operated employment operated his own business for a number of years and finished his employment years whose years as an employee of the City of Binghamton.

Frank was a veteran of World War II serving in the U.S. Army Infantry from October 1940 until September 1945 with the 106th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division in the Pacific theater of the War. He was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star during his service. His membership in the American Legion spanned more than 30 years where he served two terms as Commandant. He was also in the 27th Division Association.

He loved watching his New York Yankees play baseball and spending time with family and friends. He was a man's man whose heart was much bigger than most. To those of us who knew him best, he was bigger than life.

Frank is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 72 years, Catherine Fasano; his sons Alex (Mary) and Stephen (Lenore); grandchildren Danielle and Timothy Armstrong, Alex II Dominic (Nataliya) and Matthew; great grandchildren Nathan and Amelia Armstrong, Andriy, Melaniya and Maksym and many treasured nieces and nephews.



106th Infantry Regiment, 1st Battalion, Co A

Walter N. Draisey, 88, died peacefully on Monday, July 23, 2012 after a long illness, surrounded by his loving family at the Stratton VA Medical Center. Walter was born on December 7, 1923 in Troy and was the son of the late Walter N. and Angeline (Hare) Draisey.

He proudly served his country in the US Army during World War II, attaining the rank of staff sergeant in the 27th Division, Company A 106th Infantry from 1939 to 1945.

Walter worked as a manager in the body shop for John D. Wendell Cadillac for over 35 years; he later worked for Prudential as an insurance adjuster for six years before retiring.

He loved fishing, was an avid gardener and enjoyed spending time with his devoted family.

Walter is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Louise M. (DeMare) Draisey; his loving children, Christine (Ray) Keith, Steven (Bonnie) Draisey, Anna (Jim) Draisey-Curtis, and Theresa Draisey; his cherished grandchildren, Bryan, Denise, Jennifer, Kyle, and Jamie; his cherished great-grandchildren, Bryce and Dylan.



106th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co F

Eugene Thurston DuMond, 90, of Cooperstown and formerly of Walton, passed away Sunday, April 26, 2009, at his home. Born on Aug. 20, 1918, in Walton, he was the son of the late Charles and Bernice DuMond.

Eugene served in the United States Army during World War II attaining the rank of staff sergeant. He received several commendations, including two Bronze Stars and the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat on Saipan. He was an active member of the Walton VFW for many years.

After the war, he returned to Walton and was a long-time employee of the State of New York in the Walton Armory. He also worked for the United States Post Office in Walton from 1967 until retirement.

Eugene was a wonderful, caring husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening and visiting with family and friends.

He married Bessie Irene Rutherford on March 1, 1942. Eugene will be remembered with love by his wife; his two children and their families, Barbara and Willis Monie of Cooperstown, and James and Debra DuMond of Newfield; his grandchildren, Willis Jr. and Dina Monie, Daphne Monie and Devin Morgan, Jason DuMond, Juliette and Nick Light; as well as his great-grandchildren, Tyler, Chelsea, Anna, Ryan and Finn.



106th Infantry Regiment, 3d Battalion, Co L

Leonard A. Dziekowicz, age 97, passed away on Thursday, March 19, 2020, at the Sitrin Home. Leonard was born in Adams, MA, on November 10, 1922, the son of Leonard and Louise (Bednarczyk) Dziekowicz. He was a graduate of UFA and Alfred University.

A WWII Army veteran, Leonard served during the Pacific Theatre and was the recipient of a Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

He was employed as a customer engineer with IBM for over 25 years. As a devoted member of Holy Trinity Church, he was the longest-serving lector for over 40 years. Leonard was a proud member of the New Hartford American Legion Post 1376, where he enjoyed the company of fellow veterans. Surviving are three children, Maryann (Paul) Firlit, Lenny Dziekowicz, Jr., and Donald Dziekowicz; four grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

106th Infantry Regiment, Medical Detachment

William J. Eby, Sr., of White Plains, passed away on March 28, 2007, he was 89. William was born on January 10, 1918 in Manhattan, son of the late Lillian (Rooney) and William Eby.

William served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was employed with the U.S. Post Office in White Plains for 37 years, before retiring in 1985.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 52 years, Margaret (Griffin) Eby. His dear son, William Eby, Jr. and wife, Barbara, of Clifton Park, NY.

Three cherished grandchildren, Brett, Meghan and Lindsey Eby of Clifton Park, NY and a brother, Robert Eby and his wife Frances of Owego, NY. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.



106th Infantry Regiment, 1st Battalion, Co C

Arthur N. Elliassen, fondly known as "Uncle Arty" died Wednesday, April 1, 2009, at Vassar Brothers Hospital, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. He was 90 on March 20. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., he was raised in the Norwegian Home for Children there, and resided in Carteret before moving to Red Hook NY.

He retired from American Can Co., Brooklyn in 1969, where he had been employed as an assistant to the president.

Mr. Elliassen was proud to be a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, where he served in the South Pacific Arena and was awarded the Purple Heart. He corresponded with his Army buddies until his last days.

Surviving are a sister, Sonja Kelly of Kingston, N.Y.; his nieces, Pat Holden, Margaret Elliassen, Ann Lynda Elliassen, Nora Elliassen Zappia, Barbara Watson, Nancy Kelly, and Michelle Richard; two nephews, Brian Kelly and Olaf Charles; his great-nieces and nephews, Katie and Tynan Holden, Nicholas, Christopher and Lindsay DiLauro, Thomas and James Elliassen, and Michael, Thomas, Catherine, and Antonio Zappia; many great-great-nieces and nephews; a cousin, Irene Johannson; and his lifelong best friend, Rolf Guthey. He will be remembered fondly by many relatives in Norway, where he spent many happy times.



106th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co E

Edwin A. Faughnan, 79, of Binghamton, died Wednesday morning, January 8, 2003, at home surrounded by his loving family.

Ed was a retired Fire Chief for the Binghamton Fire Department, retiring in 1985 after 37 years of faithful service.

He was an Army veteran of WWII and a recipient of the Purple Heart, member of American Legion Post 758 and D.A.V.

He was a member of Golden Agers and a Eucharistic Minister.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Hazel Faughnan, Binghamton; his children, Mary and Robert Southern, Oneonta, Polly and Tom Dillon, Binghamton, Joseph and Joyce Faughnan, Oakdale, Minn., Janice and Jeff Canniff, N. Syracuse, Lucy Snyder, Johnson City, Maureen Faughnan, Binghamton, Jim and Genie Faughnan, Unadilla, Catherine Faughnan, Newburgh, Thomas Faughnan, Binghamton, Linda and Jeff Fravala, Green Cove Springs, Fla.; 21 grandchildren; a sister, Doris and Dave Wheat, Deltona, Fla.; a brother, Richard and Elizabeth Faughnan, Binghamton; Ruth Binghamton; sister-in-law, Carol Faughnan, Binghamton; mother-in-law, Ruth Fike; brother-in-law, Giles and Linda Fike; several nieces and nephews.

106th Infantry Regiment, 3d Battalion, Co M

John Peter Ferris, 85, of Wendover Rd., Bouckville, died Thursday, December 2, 2004, at University Hospital, Syracuse.



106th Infantry Regiment, Service Co

Francis J. Franze, 90, died November 10, 2012 at Daughters of Sarah Nursing Center. Born in Albany, he was the son of the late Vincent and Susie Speciale Franze. Mr. Franze had a military career that spanned over 43 years.

He was a US Army World War II veteran serving in the Pacific Theater and participated in the invasion of Okinawa. After his war service, he took a position as a civilian employee of the New York State National Guard. He served in various capacities, but most notably as a chief warrant officer in charge of logistics. He received numerous decorations and awards for both his active duty and civilian service.

Mr. Franze was a member of the American Legion Zaloga Post #1520, Veterans of Foreign Wars Weininger Post #8692, Chief Warrant Officers Organization and the Knights of Columbus Council#173.

He was the husband of the late Santa Theresa Maimone Franze; father of Jesse Wade and the late John Franze; grandfather of Shane and Misty O'Connor; brother of Anthony Franze, Salvatore Franze, the late Vincent and Ann Franze and Marion Iaia; brother-in-law of Kaoru Franze, Mary Franze and Dominic Maimone. Also survived by several nieces and nephews.

106th Infantry Regiment, 3d Battalion, Co I

Gregory Fusco, 91, a lifelong Herkimer resident, passed away on Friday August 9, 2013.

He was born September 17, 1921 in Herkimer the son of the late Salvatore and Angela (Cirelli) Fusco. The fifth child of twelve, he was proud to serve as the Fusco patriarch, as the oldest living member. On October 2, 1949, Greg married the beautiful Olga Maria Mornelli at St. Joseph's Church in Little Falls, NY. Their union of the past 63 years will continue into eternity.

Greg was a World War II Army veteran, enlisting on September 3, 1940 followed by active duty on October 15, 1940 and an honorable discharge on October 19, 1945 with the rank of Sergeant. While serving his country Greg was wounded on June 27, 1944 on Saipan –Company I 106th Infantry, NYNG 27th Division. Sergeant Fusco proudly fought in the following campaigns, Eastern Mandates, Western Pacific and Marshall Islands and was awarded the following medals and citations, the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Medal, three Asiatic – Pacific Campaign Medals, WWII Victory Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, and Honorable Service Lapel Button. Sergeant Fusco was a Communications Chief.

Greg was last employed by the United States Postal Service in Utica, NY retiring in 1972 at the proud age of 51.

Greg's life was centered around his family, with the happiest of times being surrounded by his loved ones. A man proud of his Italian heritage, he enjoyed sharing many traditions. As he would say, "Not only am I Perfect, I am Italian too!"

Papa had a passion for gardening, grocery shopping, cooking and eating. He enjoyed analyzing the stock market while sharing his knowledge with his family. Daily, he loved going up to Holland Heights enjoying the most beautiful view while sipping on the best beer in the world, "Utica Club."

Survivors include his wife Olga of Herkimer; a daughter, Angela LaPorte and husband Paul of Herkimer; his three cherished grandchildren, Gregory LaPorte of Herkimer, Beth Harris and husband Daniel of Ravena, NY, and Luke LaPorte of Herkimer. Two sisters, Emma Lanza and husband Nicholas of Herkimer, and Claudine Grande of Herkimer; one brother Anthony "Pluto" Fusco and wife Josephine of Herkimer; In-laws, Theresa Fusco, Pat McMahon, Clark Workman and Ann, Rena Scialdo and husband Rudy, Harry Mornelli, Silvio (Ron) Mornelli and Barb, Joyce Varano and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

"Even the smallest act of caring for another person is like a drop of water – it will make ripples throughout the entire pond."



106th Infantry Regiment, 3d Battalion, Co L

Michael Mike Gacloch, 85, of Fayetteville, died at Rochester General Hospital after a long illness. Mike was a Senior Project Engineer for Carrier Corporation for 30 years and held several patents.

He was a veteran of WWII and received three Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star and received a Citation for Conspicuous Service from the State of New York.

He was a graduate of RPI with a BSEE degree. Mike and Marie have been members of the Immaculate Conception Church of Fayetteville, the Polish Heritage Club and the Sullivan Squares Dance Group. He was a Committee Chairman of a Boy Scout Troop 17 in Lyncourt.

Survivors: his wife of 60 years, Marie Marek Gacloch; his brother, Chet of Sauquoit; sons, Gregory (Vicki) of Minneapolis, Mark of Fayetteville, Michael Jr. (Wanda) of Dubuque, Gerald (Annette) of Fairport and Timothy (Leslie) of Fairport; 15 grand-

children; 4 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.



106th Infantry Regiment, 3d Battalion, Co I, Past National Commander

Steve S. Glogowski, age 96, passed away on Monday evening, February 17, 2014, at Bassett Healthcare in Cooperstown, NY. He was born on September 28, 1917 in Herkimer, NY a son of the late Martin and Mary (Parosky) Glogowski and was educated in Herkimer schools. He was a lifelong area resident.

Steve was a World War II Veteran and served our country with the United States Army 27th Infantry Division and was stationed in the Pacific. Through his heroic actions in fighting for our country he was awarded a Purple Heart.

He was united in marriage with the former Anne J. Tresohlavy on September 28, 1946 in St. Francis de Sales Church, Herkimer. The couple had shared in a blessed union of over 46 years until the passing of Anne on January 9, 1993.

He was last employed with Remington Arms in Iliion as a machinist and had also worked with Sperry-Rand UNIVAC for over 25 years. He retired in 1982. Steve was a member of the Blessed Sacrament Church in Mohawk as well as holding the honor of Past Commander of the Michael S. Pliseck VFW Post #4915 of Herkimer. He was a member of the military order of the Purple Heart and enjoyed being a part of the 'depression boys.'

He is survived by his children: Steve Glogowski and his wife Judy of Mohawk; Alan Glogowski and Chasity of Herkimer; Mary Ann Humphrey of Lanesboro, MA; John Glogowski of Mohawk; and Peter Glogowski and wife Elizabeth of Herkimer; eight granddaughters: Sarah, Leah, Amy, Regina, Kali, Alyssa, Audrey, and Elise; two great grandsons, James and Henry; In Laws: Helen Beauchamp of Mohawk; Nettie Rix of Florida; Stella Glogowski of Herkimer; and Helen Glogowski of Herkimer; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.



106th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co E; then 34th Division. Past National Commander

John T. (Jack) Gorman, age 95, entered into rest on February 23, 2015 after a brief illness.

Born July 28, 1919 in Binghamton, NY, Jack was the youngest of three boys. He was a 1937 graduate of Binghamton Central High School and earned his BS from Clarkson University.

Jack was a combat veteran of World War II with the 34th Infantry Division serving in the British Isles, North Africa and Italy. He earned the Combat Infantry Badge, five campaign stars and received a battle field promotion to Captain with the 133^d Regiment. One of the highlights of his service was the time he spent guiding then General Dwight Eisenhower across the roads of Tunisia, North Africa in 1943.

Following the war and after earning his degree from Clarkson Jack was hired by IBM and began a 35-year career in Engineering Management. He left IBM in 1984 and enjoyed a rich and comfortable retirement life.

Jack was a life member of the 34th Division Association, The Anzio Beachhead Veterans, The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2332 and the American Legion Post 1645 in Binghamton, NY. He was also a member of Combat Infantryman's Association and Past Commander of the 27th Division Association with whom he served before World War II. Early on in his retirement, Jack penned a short story which documented his personal experience during World War II. This manuscript, entitled "Citizen Soldier", which he had published and humbly shared with family and friends, is a part of the collections housed in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library and the US Army Heritage and Education Center, Carlisle Barracks. Jack was indeed a proud member of The Greatest Generation.

Jack was a voracious reader, especially enjoying non-fiction and anything written about WWII. He

loved the time he spent fishing, playing golf and watching any sporting event he could find on the television. Jack was a proud patriarch of the Gorman Clan and enjoyed decades of work on the Gorman/O'Gorman family genealogy study. For more than six decades Jack was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church where he served on the Parish Council. After Vatican II he served as a lector and Eucharistic Minister. He was a charter member of the Nocturnal Adoration Society and an honorary life member of the Endicott Knights of Columbus and Fourth Degree Color Corps.

Survived by his sons, L. Richard Gorman (Geraldine) and W. Bruce Gorman (Joseph Nardone); daughter, Margaret Mary Gorman-Gagliardi (David); grandchildren, Heather Anne Fish and John David Fish (Tracey); great-grandchildren, Justin, Cameron, Cooper, Spencer and Melissa; beloved sisters in law, Margaret Moriarty, Ruth Gorman; many loving cousins, nieces and nephews.



106th Infantry Regiment

Nicholas Joseph Grazioplene, 87, formerly of Albertson, L.I., NY, on Sunday May 22, 2005 in New Port Richey. Nick was born January 21, 1918 in Glen Cove, N.Y.

He was a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army and service in the Pacific for 3½ years.

He was also the Postmaster of Albertson, N.Y. for 25 years and retired in April, 1976.

Survivors include his wife, Connie; his two daughters Mary Lou Guinta, Lynbrook, N.Y. and Candida Russo, New Port Richey; three sons, Nicholas and his wife Cynthia, Hicksville, N.Y., John and his wife Cathy, Rockville, MD, Thomas and his wife Teresa, Levittown, N.Y.; brother Lawrence, Glen Cove, N.Y.; sister Camille, Whiting, N.J.; 10 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

106th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co F
Dennis L. Groven passed away on 08 February, 2013.



106th Infantry Regiment, 3d Battalion, Co I
Roy Gurney, Bradenton, died Jan. 2, 2007, at Blake Hospital. Born Aug. 6, 1922, in Maryland, NY, son of Ralph D. Gurney, and Nellie Cross. Roy lived in Ilion, NY, most of his life until moving to Bradenton in 2002. He lived on Holmes Beach, Royal Garden Mobile Home Park, and the last three years in Freedom Village.

Roy attended Ilion, NY schools and enlisted in Company I, 106th INF, 27th Division, at Mohawk, NY. He was wounded in the invasion of Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands. He was awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Infantry Combat Badge, and New York State Conspicuous Service Medal.

In 1972, he retired from the Ilion Post Office. Later, he drove a school bus. He was the first WWII commander of VFW Post 502. Past Grand of Ilion Lodge, of Odd Fellows. Also, a 50-year member of Ilion Elks Lodge 144 and American Legion Post 24, Bradenton.

Survivors include daughter, Carol Searle, Bradenton; son, Ronald J. (Laurie), Bradenton; stepdaughters, Barbara (John) Natarelli, Chatham, MA, Beverly (Michael) Feinman, Ilion, NY, Patricia (Philip) Clark, San Diego, CA.; grandchildren, David Plunkett, Ilion, NY, Christopher Plunkett, Colorado, LeAnn Gurney, New York, Ronald J. Gurney, Jr. (Brenda), Mich., Linda Hall (Stephen), Overland Park, KS, Teresa McGuirl (Joel), of Seminole, FL, David Wright (Suzette), Ilion, NY, Daniel Wright, Rochester, NY; six great-grandchildren, Ryan and

Evan Gurney, Mich., Liam and Colin McGurl, FL, Stephanie Lin Hall, KS, Lynn Wright, NY.



106th Infantry Regiment, Service Co
Robert A Hacker, age 90, of Buckley Rd., North Syracuse, died peacefully Wednesday, January 8, 2014. He was born January 23, 1923 in Johannesburg, South Africa and is the son of the late Arthur C. and the late Louise (Westermann) Hacker.

He served in the Army during World War II from Jan. 18, 1940 to Jan. 4, 1945 and graduated from Siena College in Albany, NY.

He was employed by Kellogg's Sales Co. as a salesman.

Robert Hacker was a member of the North Syracuse Lions Club, volunteered for Meals on Wheels, officiated track and field events, served as police and fire commissioner for the village of North Syracuse and traveled extensively around the world and the U.S.

He is survived by son, Robert H. Hacker and his wife, Hortensia of Miami, FL; daughter, Ann L. Pangburn and her husband, Robert of Verona, NY; and son, Peter A. Hacker and his wife, Kathy of Coral Springs, FL; seven grandchildren, and their spouses and fiancés; four great-grandchildren and special friend, Shirley Singer of North Syracuse, NY.

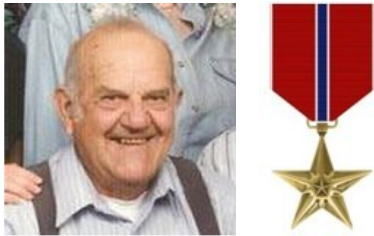


106th Infantry Regiment
Clinton A. Hayes, 83, passed away unexpectedly, Sunday July 11, 2020.

He was a WWII Army veteran and also served in the Korean conflict.

He was an active member of the Masonic Lodge 533 for numerous years. He was also a VFW member and he loved all sports.

He is survived by his wife Roberta F. Hayes, son Robert C. Hayes, Manassas, VA, son & daughter in law Jon & Colleen Hayes, East Brunswick, NJ, daughter & son-in-law Janet & Thomas Keys, Nolensville, TN, son David Hayes & Ellen Sharpe, Endwell, NY. 7 grandchildren; Catie, Michelle, Kelly, Alan, Allison, Rebecca, and Torie.



106th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Medical Detachment

John Joseph Herinckx, 89, a resident of the Cornelius community died Monday morning, May 21, 2007 at his home. John was born on March 28, 1918 in Mountaindale, OR. He was one of eight children born to Frank and Catherine “Nettie” (Vanaudenhaegen) Herinckx. He was raised on a family farm in Mountaindale, OR He attended his first two years of school at the Roy Public Elementary School in Roy, OR. He later attended and was a graduate from the St Francis Catholic Grade School in Roy, OR.

John enlisted in the Oregon National Guard on Sept. 16, 1940 and was mobilized into the US Army during WWII. He served in the 25th Infantry Division which was stationed in Hawaii; then received special duty to the 102d Division on Christmas Island. Reassigned to the 27th Division, 106th Infantry (as a medic) he saw action in the Central Pacific on the Marshall Islands, in the Battle of Saipan (1944) and in the battle of Okinawa (1945) where he received the following decorations; Bronze Star, American Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal and the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal. He was honorably discharged in October of 1945.

On a 30 day leave from his service during WWII he was united in marriage to Florence Evers at the Vancouver, Washington Barracks on November 23, 1944. Following the end of the war they made their home in Centerville, OR. It was here they established Florenjon Farms, raising Registered Holstein dairy cows, hogs, and row crops. In 1959 they purchased the adjoining farm and Florenjon Farm

Dairy began producing, processing and delivering milk to retail stores throughout the Northwest.

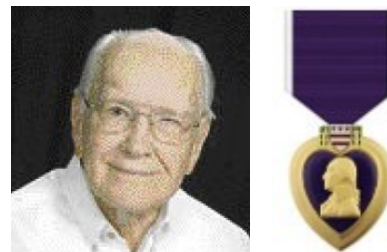
In 1987 he retired from farming and moved to Gari-baldi. In 1993 he moved back to the farm in Center-ville, OR. In recent years John had developed the hobby of raising bees which made the garden, flow-ers and surrounding crops receive many awards at the Washington County Fair.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Florence of the family home in Cornelius, OR, The children he was so proud of and their spouses; Marietta Herinckx of Pendleton, OR, Gwenda and Bob Neale of Hillsboro, OR, Patricia and Kim Vandehey of Alo-ha, OR, John O. Herinckx of Christmas Valley, OR, Brian Herinckx of Cornelius, OR, Aldon and Linda Herinckx of Puyallup, WA, Lael Morris of Beaver-ton, OR, Megan and Mike Phillips Scappoose, OR, a sister; Marguerite Potwora of Portland, OR, a brother; Maurice Herinckx of Portland, OR, 21 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

106th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co F

Robert Hershowitz of Binghamton, 86, passed away Thursday, February 20, 2003, at the Oxford Veterans Home.

He is survived by his daughter, Robin Hershowitz; one stepdaughter, Gale Prentice; six grandchildren, Mario, Mattithyah, Nathan, Jeremy, Jaimey, Tammy; one great-grandchild, Caeden.



106th Infantry Regiment, Cannon Co

Charles Roy Hilbert, 89, of Pentwater and Grand Rapids, MI went to be with his Savior, Jesus Christ, on April 2, 2013.

He was born October 13, 1923 in Bingham, MI to James and Edith Hilbert (Draper). Charlie graduated from Traverse City High School June 12, 1941.

He was drafted on March 5, 1943 and assigned to the Cannon Company of the 106th Infantry, 27th Division US Army. He fought in Manchuria, Death Valley in Saipan, and Okinawa where he was seriously wounded during World War II. Charlie was crossing a battle zone when he was hit in the right shoulder with a bullet. The doctor operated aboard a ship as it was being bombed. He was honorably discharged September, 1945 with a Purple Heart. Charlie authored and published a book entitled, "Charlie's War", copyrighted January 14, 1998.

In 1946 he was chosen to attend an MSU short course in management. This led to his job as manager of the Farm Bureau in Hart. Charlie was the manager of the Hart Farm Bureau for 35 years. In 1981 Charlie with nine other men started Buildings Plus Inc. As major shareholder and president, Charlie watched Buildings Plus grow to an established company. He retired in 1988 and started Hilbert Upright Fence Company in 1991, which remains active today.

On September 1, 1947 he married Shirlee Mae Schlee of Hart, MI at Smith Corners Methodist Church. During 40 years of marriage, they had four children, Gary, Vicki, Charles Hilbert Sandra, and Cindy. On May 18, 1991 Charlie married Betty Fae Childs from Grand Rapids, MI. Betty had three children, Cynthia, James and Catherine. Together, Betty and Charlie traveled around the world including short term missions to the Philippines. They took their grandchildren on several Intergenerational Elder hostels and on graduation enjoyed taking them on trips abroad. Charlie was an excellent gardener who loved to give fresh produce and floral bouquets to friends, family and his church. He was a great outdoorsman who enjoyed both hunting and fishing.

Charlie served on the Fire Command Board, Sheriff's Commission, and the Smith Corners Local School Board for 25 years. He was a Friend of the Dairy Association, member of the ALS Board, United Fund, Cancer Drive, and Hart Historical Society. Charlie served on the Mental Health Board for 15 years and was a life member of the Pentwater VFW. He also supported the Grand Rapids Opera, Grand Rapids Art Museum, and GVSU Grand Forum.

Mr. Hilbert is survived by his wife, Betty Fae Hilbert; seven children, Gary Lee and Vicki Lou Hil-

bert, Sandra Sue Hilbert and Larry John Comstock, Cindy Lynn and William Raymond Syrek, Cynthia Louise and Larry Eugene Howard, James Thomas and Jill Ann Childs, Catherine Suzanne and Craig Patrick Denton; 18 grandchildren, Diane Marie Haddar, Tammy Lynn Farabee, Mark Andrew Hilbert, Luke Douglas Matthews, Jacob Andrew Matthews, Benjamin Porter Matthews, Justin Gabriel Jones, Bobby Jo Pavlat, Timothy Charles Syrek, Sara Mae Syrek, Katie Louise Childs, Alicia Ann Lutz, Joseph Matthew Tatsch, Elizabeth Anne Tatsch, Danielle Marie Tatsch, David Andrew Tatsch, Michael Patrick Denton, and Rachael Fae Denton; eight great grandchildren, Mariem Mazouza Haddar, Amber Dee Haddar, Zoe Maxine Farabee, Eric Glenn Farabee, Catelynn Bonnie Farabee, Camryn Joy Matthews, James Randall Lutz, Cole Ralph Lutz; and one great-great-granddaughter, Aaleyah Marie-Elizabeth Ray; siblings, Fay Hawkins, Beth Fordyce, Lee Hilbert, and Enid Laidlaw.



106th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co E

Charles W. Hollis, 89, passed away on Monday, December 11, 2006, at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Binghamton.

He was a WWII Veteran serving with the U.S. Army, and was a member of the Johnson City VFW Post #11.

He was retired from Sticklely-Siver, Binghamton, and had also worked at Parrish and Shiner Garage in Union and Novello's Dry Cleaning.

He is survived by his wife of sixty years, Marie Hollis; daughter, Sheryl Hollis, Owego; son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Bess Hollis, Candor; three grandchildren, Jennifer, Karen and Christopher; three great-grandchildren, Emily, Madison and Zachary; and Grandpa's baby girl, Honey Gold. He is also survived by several nieces, nephews, and cousins.



106th Infantry Regiment, 1st Battalion, Co B
Sidney Jarmus passed away on 03 September, 2010.



106th Infantry Regiment
Nathaniel F. Judd died at 12:22 a.m., Thursday, January 30, 2014, at Unity Point Health Methodist in Peoria, Illinois. He was born September 17, 1924, at Rover, Missouri, to Orville Judd and Alma Haywood Judd. On March 24, 1946, he was married at Koshkonong, Missouri, to Pauline Trantham.

Mr. Judd was a Sergeant with the United States Army, having served during World War II with the 106th Infantry Division as a sniper. He was nominated for a Congressional Medal of Honor after leading his platoon at Okinawa and remaining as the only survivor. He was also part of the first group into Tokyo after the bomb was dropped.

After coming home, he worked in District 50 schools, first as a math and science teacher, eventually serving as principal at Sundoer and Beverly Manor Schools. He enjoyed golf, bowling and woodworking in his spare time. Mr. Judd was an excellent marksman and loved spending time with his dachshund, Mr. Oscar Meyer. Most importantly, he loved his wife of nearly sixty-eight years and all of his family. His grandchildren fondly remember going with grandma and grandpa on RV trips to Branson.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline Judd; two sons, Marc Judd, wife, Kathy, Carlock, Illinois and Eric Johann Judd Sr., wife, Tammie, Pekin, Illinois; two sisters-in-law, Irene Judd, West Plains, Missouri and Mary Trantham, Nashville, Tennessee; one brother-in-law, Carl Trantham, West Plains, Missouri; seven grandchildren, Erica Judd, Isaac Judd, Sara Judd-

Downing, Rachel Judd-Janssen, Eric Johann "Bucky" Judd II, Anna Judd-Bikai and Andrew Judd; and two great-grandchildren, Blake and Eliza Bikai.



106th Infantry Regiment, 3d Battalion, Co M
Francis A. Leone, 96, of Dunedin, passed away June 8, 2017.

Francis was a retired US Army Veteran who served in both WWII and Korea. He is survived by his loving family.



106th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co E
 Ernest J. Love, 97, of Endicott, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Sunday, November 25th, 2018. Ernie was born on July 20, 1921, graduated from UE High School in 1940, and was an IBM retiree.

He proudly served in the US Army during World War II as a Staff Sergeant with Company E, 106th Infantry Regiment. He was a Silver Star and Purple Heart recipient.

He is survived by his daughter Cynthia (Joseph) Frederick of Endicott; granddaughters Becky (Josh) Shusterman of Havelock, NC, Laura (Tom) Godbout of Endicott, and Sarah Frederick of Endicott; great-grandchildren Liliana, Alexa, Gabriel Shusterman, Jaxon, Kade, and Emilia Godbout (due in March), and many beloved relatives and friends.

106th Infantry Regiment, 3d Battalion, Co L

Peter J. Mannella, age 81, a lifelong Utican, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, August 10, 2005 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with his family by his side.

Mr. Mannella is survived by his wife, Connie; his children, Peter F. Mannella and Carol Waugh of Rensselaer N.Y., Ronald A. and Renee Mannella of Westmoreland, N.Y., and Lisa A. and Michael Melara of Syracuse N.Y.; his grandchildren, Karen Mannella, Katie Mannella, Tori Mannella, Juliana Melara, Dominick Melara, Olivia Mannella, and Carol's son, Ryan Waugh. He also leaves two sisters and their husbands, a brother, and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws.



106th Infantry Regiment, Cannon Co

Stanley Henry Marten, formerly of Rensselaer and Stillwater, passed away on Monday, June 18, 2012 at the Springs Nursing Center in Troy. He was 90. Born in Palmer, MA on February 16, 1922, son of the late Jan and Zofi a (Krol) Bunk. He is the husband of the late Edna Helen (Gorsky) Marten who passed away in 1974 and Marie Bailey Marten who passed away in 1995.

Mr. Marten is a veteran of the United States Army, serving from 1942-1945 in the Cannon Company, 106th Infantry stationed in Honolulu, Hawaii.

As a teenager he served in the Conservation Corp. After his military service, he worked as a millwright at the Watervliet Arsenal. Stanley was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion and enjoyed attending activities at the Polish Community Center with his companion of 12 years, Genny Blizinski. Stanley and Genny attended St. Michael's Polish Church in Cohoes together.

Survivors include three children, Susan (Douglas) Volve of Arizona, Laurence (Virginia) Marten of Schaghticoke and Barbara (Randy)Alstadt of Rhinebeck; and his brother Henry (Sylvia) Bunk of Schaghticoke. He is also survived by six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.



106th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co E

John Matson, 91, passed away, Tuesday October 3, 2006 at DeBary Manor Nursing Home in DeBary, Florida. He was born August 26, 1915 to the late Alex and Mary Schultiz Matson. He was a resident of Raleigh, NC before moving to Orange City, FL.

John served with E Company, 106th Infantry, 27th Division in the Pacific theater in World War II and was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge and Bronze Star for his service.

He is survived by his son, Robert Matson and wife, Elaine Matson of Raleigh, NC; grandsons, Michael Matson and wife, Shannon of New York City, NY and Kevin Matson and his partner, Timothy Broesmle of Groningen, The Netherlands. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews and a very special niece, Marilyn Kumpon, of Binghamton, NY.

106th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co E & Regimental Band

Floyd A. "Mac" McRorie, passed away on January 10, 2015.

Army Veteran of WWII, former owner of Mac's Sirloin House, member of NYS Restaurant Association and former member of Greece Kiwanis Club.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Catherine of 64 years; 2 sons, Michael J. and Mark (Yolanda); 6 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

106th Infantry Regiment, 1st Battalion, Co C

Jerry Murray, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend died in his home on April 29, 2011 surrounded by his loving family. Jerry was born in Junction City, Oregon on January 20, 1921 and raised in Yelm, WA.

He proudly served in the US Army during World War II.

He was a 60 year resident of Olympia and retired from the Olympia Brewery.

He enjoyed fishing, gardening and always being there for family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; daughters, Kathleen, Mary Ann, Dorothy and Peggy; step-daughter, Cheryl and their families; sister, Margaret; and many grandchildren, great-grand-children, nieces and nephews.



106th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co G

Anthony F. Nero, Sr. 96, of Hudson, died Thursday May, 16, 2019 at Stratton V.A. Medical Center in Albany. Born on Sept. 9, 1922 in Hudson, he was the son of the late Frank and Mary (Tamburro) Nero.

Frank was a veteran of WWII serving in the Pacific Theatre and received the Purple Heart for injuries sustained in battle.

He was an Electrician and worked for Universal Match Co and Atlas Cement until his retirement. He was a member of the former Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and was an avid and competitive runner who competed in the Hudson Turkey Trots, NY State Senior Games, Empire State Games and twice qualified for the U. S. National Senior Games. He also built and operated his own model radio-controlled airplanes.

Anthony was the widower of the late Bessie Lena (Cole) Nero. He will be greatly missed by sons: Anthony Jr. and wife (Jetty), Michael, James and Thomas, his daughter Nancy Nero and her husband (Mike), grandchildren: Nicole, Jason, Sarah and Kimberly, great-grandchildren: Emma and Jack as well as his sister-in-law Lucy Nero.

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

George Orwell



106th Infantry Regiment, 3d Battalion, Co I & 27 MP Co Post Commander #13

Roy E. Nyquist, 97, of Riverview, entered into rest Oct. 31, 2014. Roy retired from Pan American World Airways after 27 years of service and Amtrak with over 10 years of service.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving in the Pacific in World War II as an M.P. with the 27th Infantry Division.

Roy enjoyed golfing and traveling. He was a member of the VFW Post10126 in Lady Lake and Post 8108 in Riverview. A loving husband, father, and grandfather he will be missed by all who knew him.



106th Infantry Regiment, 3d Battalion, Co L

Stephen N. Pacelli, 93, entered peacefully into eternal life on Saturday evening, at Ellis Long Term Care. Stephen was born and educated in Schenectady, a son of the late Stefano and Marianina Santagano Pacelli.

He honorably served in the United States Army during WWII in the Pacific Theatre, where he was wounded in action and received the Purple Heart.

Stephen worked at the General Electric Company as a welder for over 30 years.

He was an avid golfer, golfing until he was 85 years old.

He played on the Stanford Heights Golf league and was a member of Stadium Golf Course for many years.

He is survived by his loving children, Stephen J. Pacelli and his wife, Mary of East Syracuse, Louis R. Pacelli and his wife, Melanie of Cortland, NY, Mariann Fulton and her husband, Henry of Schenectady, and Dennis J. Pacelli and his wife, Michelle of LaGrange, GA; 10 grandchildren; a great-grandson and many nieces and nephews.



106th Infantry Regiment, HQ

Joseph H. "Joe" Packer, 95, of Butler passed away at 6:20 a.m. Saturday at HCR Manor Care.

He was born on March 12, 1919, in Wilkinsburg to the late Joseph H. Packer and Ella A. Rosien Packer. He raised his family in Monroeville, then retired to New Hampshire, eventually returning to Butler.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the Pacific Theater.

Mr. Packer worked in sales for the Braun Baking Co., retiring on Dec. 31, 1981. He was a member of the MORA Club. Joe enjoyed gardening and traveling, having visited Scotland, England, Europe and the Holy Lands.

Mr. Packer is survived by his son, Richard N. Packer and his wife, Dorothy, of Pittsburgh; Joseph H. "Joe" Packer his two grandchildren, Julia E. Packer and Jeffrey D. Packer; and a number of nieces and nephews.



106th Infantry Regiment, 3d Battalion, Co L

Louis W. Pawlinga, 98, of Little Falls and Syracuse, passed away peacefully, on December 9, 2019,

at home with his friend and companion Iris James by his side along with his family. He was born on March 19, 1921, in Utica, the son of Sylvester and Mary (Wozniak) Pawlinga. Louis was a graduate of UFA. He was married to Helene Mazur of New York Mills for 31 years.

Louis served his country during WWII, in the U. S. Army, as a 1st Sgt. in the 27th Infantry from 1938 – 1945. The Division took Tinian Island in the Pacific Theater during his tour of duty.

He was employed as an assembly foreman at Chicago Pneumatic for many years.

After he retired, he opened his own business, the Antique Clockhouse, in Utica, where he was a well-known clockmaker. Louis was a loving father and a man of varied interests and talents.

Louis is survived by three daughters and sons-in-law, Kathy Werner, Boca Raton, FL, Gail and Paul Cowley, Skaneateles, NY, and Liz and Ken Gaines, McKinney, TX; grandchildren, Denise Werner and Tom Stadtmiller, Lorry and Brian Meere, Emma Cowley and Jonathan Cowley and Ryan Gaines; great-grandchildren Lily, Lucy, Ryder and Harlow and his loving friend and companion, Iris James.



106th Infantry Regiment, 3d Battalion, Co L

Leo Richard "Dick" Pechette, 91, a lifelong Schuylerville resident, died Tuesday, May 4, 2010, at Wesley Health Care Center in Saratoga Springs. Born Jan. 5, 1919, in Schuylerville, he was the son of the late Gilbert and Maude Legacy Pechette.

Mr. Pechette was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, during which he served in the South Pacific area.

He owned and operated Dick's Lawnmower and Bicycle Shop on Broad Street in Schuylerville for many years.

He was a communicant and Eucharistic minister at Notre Dame-Visitation Church and was a member of Old Saratoga Post No. 278 American Legion and the Old Saratoga Seniors in Schuylerville. He enjoyed gardening, hunting and fishing.

Survivors include his loving wife of 64 years, Beatrice Wilson Pechette of Schuylerville; one son, Dr. Douglas Pechette and daughter-in-law, Jane Pechette, of Evergreen, Colo.; two special nieces who were like daughters, Debbie Puckett and her son, Brian Puckett, who was like a grandson, and Darlene Bolduc; his sister-in-law, Marjorie Pechette; and several nieces and nephews.

106th Infantry Regiment, 3d Battalion, Co L

Edwin M. Pilczuk, 91, of Clifton Park, died June 25, 2014 at Ellis Hospital, his loving family at his side. Edwin was born in Utica, NY, the son of the late Michael and Anelia (Sira) Pilczuk.

From 1940 - 45, Edwin was enlisted in the Army serving with Company L 106th Infantry.

He was a 1950 graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering. Edwin went to work for G. E. In Schenectady.

Edwin was a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather. Survivors include his beloved wife of 66 years, Rolande, devoted children: Michael Pilczuk (Sherri) and Christine Eisen (Simon), eight grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.



106th Infantry Regiment, 1st Battalion, Cos C & D
Carl L. Restivo, 92, of Long Island City passed away on 29 October, 2010.

106th Infantry Regiment, 3d Battalion, Co L

Jefferson Robbins was born on November 3, 1919 and passed away on Saturday, February 18, 2012.

Jeff was so proud to have served his country during World War II.

Jeff worked with Southern Pacific Railroad for 30 years, followed by ownership of Robbins Lock and Key.

He is survived by his loving wife, Geneva, of 66 years; children, Alfred Robbins, Pat Smart and her husband Mike, Gayla Doherty and Verlaine McCaslin; sister Ardella Stafford; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren, as well as many other loving family members and friends.

106th Infantry Regiment, Anti-Tank Co

Ernest J. Schoenbrun, Age 100, of Boynton Beach, passed away April 24, 2015.



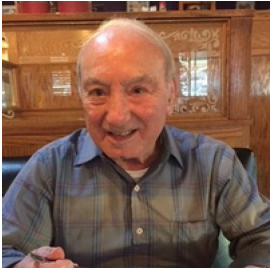
106th Infantry Regiment, HHC

Harold L. Shop "Shoppie", 88, of Minerva Park, went home to be with the Lord on March 12, 2008. He was born November 26, 1919, in Columbus, son of the late Roy and Garret Shop. Beloved husband, father and grandfather. He was a 1938 graduate of South H.S.

Veteran of the U.S. 10th Army serving in the Asiatic Pacific Campaign during WWII from 1941-1945 where he earned the rank of Tech 5 and 3 Bronze Stars for Meritorious Achievement in Ground Operations against the enemy with the 106th Infantry, Headquarter Company, 27th Division in the battles of Makin, Majuro, Kwajalein, Eniwetok, Tinian, Saipan, and Okinawa.

Shoppie was the owner and operator of the Shop Insurance Agency, past President of the Westerville Kiwanis Club and Captain and founding member in the Minerva Park Fire Dept. He was also an avid bowler and golfer.

Harold is survived by his sons, Merrille (Tina) and Chris Shop; daughter, Sue Shop; sister, Charlene (Herb) Irwin; grandchildren, Stephanie, Kevin and Kayla Shop; brother and sisters-in-law, Jim (Carolyn) Smith, Vera Shop and Edith Smith.



106th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co G
Anthony Dominick Signorelli, 93, married to Ann Signorelli, the love of his life for over 70 years, passed away Friday, June 15, 2018 at his residence. Born in Paterson, NJ, Mr. Signorelli was a son of the late Diego and Pauline Vivino Signorelli.

He served his country as a SSGT in the Army Infantry with G. Company 106th Regiment, 27th Division during WWII. He was a Purple Heart recipient, being wounded in the Battle of Saipan in the Pacific Theater.

He was an accountant by trade. A self-made man, a New York Yankee fan, & a lover of music, travel, and history. He was a man who loved his family more than life itself.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Signorelli is survived by two daughters; Paula (Joyce Bethmann) Signorelli of Aiken, Linda (Ed) Obuchowski of Hilton Head SC. Grandchildren, Ed (Katy) Obuchowski, David (Sarah) Obuchowski, Melanie Orwig; and six great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his beloved sister Paula Bartolo, Ft Lee, NJ and his beloved brother Richard Signorelli, New Hope, PA.



106th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co G
Andrew Jackson Simcox, 97, of Portlandville, passed away at The Pines in Glens Falls, on Wednesday, July 22, 2015. Andrew was born on Aug. 14, 1917, in Interior, S.D. He was the son of the late LeRoy and Mary Rose (Muehl) Simcox.

He attended school in Schenevus and became part of the New York State National Guard, Company G. Later he joined the Army from 1940 to 1945 and served in the Hawaiian Islands, New Hebrides and

Saipan. He was honorably discharged as a Staff Sergeant on May 17, 1945.

Andrew was employed with the New York State Electric and Gas Company from 1945 to 1982. He loved being with his children, grandchildren, friends and working outside on his lawn and flowers. When the seasons opened, he spent time fishing, hunting and watching baseball. He traveled extensively with his companion, Julia Niedzialkowski. They visited many states and countries together.

He is survived by his sisters, Jennie Bergeron and Anne Blume, both of California; children, Donald Simcox of Portlandville, Carl Simcox (Nadine) of Oklahoma, Virginia Vincent (Robert) of Idaho, Carolyn Salone (Jon) of Hudson Falls; daughter-in-law, Debbie Simcox (David) of Arkansas; grandchildren, Nancy Simcox, Brenda Lang, Scott Simcox, Danielle Vincent, Sean Vincent, Joshua Salone, Jason Simcox, Nathan Simcox; great-grandchildren, Stasia Matyjas-Simcox, Max Lang, Jack Lang, Haley Lang, Devon Salone, Olivia Salone, Antonio Vincent and Gemma Hough.



106th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co E
Joseph Simek, Jr. passed away on Tuesday, July 14, 2009, at the age of 91.

He was a proud U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving in the 27th Division Co. E 106th Infantry, and received a Purple Heart medal.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, William and Linda Simek; two granddaughters, Stacey and Ab Chouati and Kristy and Scott Amorozowitz; three great-grandchildren, Nicholas, Tyler and Erica Buttacavoli; and several nieces and nephews. A special thank you to Allen and Sue Charsky for all of the help given to my father.



106th Infantry Regiment, 3d Battalion, CO I; 727th Ordnance Company

Elmer L. Smith, age 93, of Herkimer, passed away on Sunday afternoon, May 15, 2016, at Ohio Valley Hospital (Pittsburgh, PA) after a short illness. He had the comfort and support of his loving family by his side. Son of the late Peter E. and Reba Mickle Smith, he was born on July 8, 1922, in Herkimer, NY. A lifelong Herkimer resident, he was a graduate of Herkimer High School.

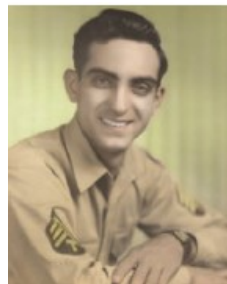
Upon completing high school, he enlisted in the US Army on October 9, 1939 with Company I 10th Infantry in Mohawk. On October 15, 1940, he was inducted into Federal Service and was stationed at Fort McClellan, AL. He worked his way up the enlisted ranks to First Sergeant at the age of 20. During World War II he served in the Pacific Theatre, for fifteen months, from January 1943 through April of 1944. He served as Cadre First Sergeant at Camp Robinson, AR, until he was discharged on October 24, 1945. Elmer reenlisted in the New York Army National Guard in February 1947 as a First Sergeant with the 727th Ordnance Company in Mohawk. He was appointed a Warrant Officer on June 30, 1948, as the Adjutant of the 727th Ordnance Company. Elmer served as an Armament Repair Technician with Armor Ordnance units and rose to the rank of Chief Warrant Officer (CW-4). His service included assignments with the 27th Armored Division, 50th Armored Division (New Jersey Army National Guard) and was a member of Company D, 42nd Maintenance Battalion of the 42nd Infantry Division. During his forty-one plus years of military service he served the Governor of New York three times, at the Corning-Elmira Flood of 1972, during the Prison Guard strike in 1979 and at Lake Placid for the Winter Olympics of 1980. Chief Smith served seventeen tours with the Empire State Military Academy. Elmer was a true example of the "Greatest Generation", and his service to his country will be long remembered by his many friends and family.

Mr. Smith was especially proud of the fact that his late father, Peter E. Smith, served for thirty years in

the military and his son, David, served with the United States Army Special Forces, in Vietnam, making the Smith family truly a traditional military family.

On October 7, 1944, Elmer was united in marriage to Irene Ford, of Omaha, NE, in Colorado Springs, CO. They made their home in Herkimer where Elmer worked as a self-employed carpenter, a state employee, and a citizen soldier. Elmer and Irene shared a loving and devoted union of sixty-two years until her passing on October 19, 2006. He was known for his exceptional sense of community and for many years he served on the Oak Hill Cemetery Board of Directors. He was also a Gold Card member of Michael Plieseck Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #4915 Herkimer, a former member of Herkimer Lodge #423 Free & Accepted Masons, and was the recipient of the VFW Citizen of the Year Award in 1998. Elmer was one of the founders of the Thanksgiving Community Dinner, in Herkimer, which continues today.

Surviving are one son, David Smith, and his wife Carole, of McKees Rocks, PA; two granddaughters, Erin (Jacob) Sullivan and Holly Smith; a niece, Marion Horton; and great-granddaughter, Sydney Brooke.



106th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co H
William E. Snook Sr., 99, a highly-decorated World War II veteran, passed away Saturday, November 17, at Brethren Care Village Health Care Center following a short illness.

Known to everyone as Ed, he was born in Ashland on January 21, 1919, to Treva and Franklin Edward Snook, as the fourth of seven children. He was preceded in death by sisters Carrie Dunham, Frances Dreher, Betty Ekey and Alice Snook.

Snook was a 1938 graduate of Ashland High School, where he was a three-time letterman and two-time captain of the Arrows' varsity basketball team.

Following graduation from Ashland High, he worked at A.L. Garber before enlisting in the U.S. Army's 27th Infantry Division in the spring of 1941 and was stationed in Mineral Wells, Texas, when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. His company was then shipped to Hawaii and became stationed on the Big Island of Hawaii, before Pacific Theater combat missions in the Marshall Islands, Majuro, the Gilbert Islands, Saipan and Okinawa, among others. Snook received the Bronze Star for saving a comrade in battle on the Island of Saipan in June of 1944, which waged on for one month until U.S. forces captured the island July 9 of that year. He also received the Purple Heart, as well as several other medals. His company was in combat on Okinawa when the Japanese announced their surrender on Aug. 15, 1945.

Following V-J Day, Snook returned to his hometown of Ashland and his job at Garber, where he met the love of his life, Ferne Biddinger. The couple was married June 30, 1946, at First Christian Church.

Throughout his professional career, he was employed by the Ashland Airport, A.L. Garber (1938-41, 1945-60), Ad-Art (1960-70), Polar Foods (1970-77) of Ashland and Trio Foods of Lexington, Ohio, before retiring in 1984.

He and his wife loved traveling, especially to Hawaii, which Snook considered his second home after falling in love with the islands during the War. The couple also had many friends who lived on the Big Island of Hawaii. Snook was a life member of the First Christian Church, where he served as a deacon, the American Legion Harry Higgins Post 88, Elks Club, and the Ashland YMCA, where he spent most of his lunch hours throughout his career.

He was an avid fan of the Ohio State Buckeyes, Cleveland Indians, Browns and Cavaliers and attended many games over the decades, dating to the Browns' championship years in the All-American Football Conference in the late 1940s, pre-dating their entry into the NFL in 1950.

He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Ferne Darlene Snook, children Rebecca (James) Shank of Tiffin, Ohio; William E. (Beverly) Snook Jr. of Ashland; Jeffrey A. (Amy) Snook of Atlantis, Florida.

He had seven grandchildren: Melissa (Robert) Bowers, Michelle (Karl) Kurtz, Jared (Michelle) Shank, Danielle (Chris) Clady, William E. (Danielle) Snook III, Savanna Snook and Dillon Jon Snook; and 11 great grandchildren. He also is survived by two brothers, George Snook, of Sylvania, Ohio, and Richard Snook, of Euclid, Ohio.



106th Infantry Regiment, 1st Battalion, Co B

Hyman Steckler was born on June 16, 1920 and passed away in Deerfield Beach, FL on 18 January, 2013.



106th Infantry Regiment

Charles B. Sweigard, age 96 of Upper Sandusky died at the Wyandot Memorial Hospital at 6:40 a.m. on Thursday Jan. 13, 2011. He was born on July 26, 1914 in Wyandot County to Robert E. Sweigard and Abigail (Brown) Sweigard. Charles married Rose Bushong in Aug. of 1948 in Mt. Blanchard and she preceded him in death in 1978. Mr. Sweigard graduated from Upper Sandusky High School in 1932.

He was a veteran of the U. S. Army WWII and had served in combat with 106th Infantry, 27th Division. Mr. Sweigard was awarded three Bronze Stars during WWII.

Mr. Sweigard was a retired lifelong farmer and was a member of the Farm Bureau.

Mr. Sweigard is survived by nieces, nephews and cousins.



106th Infantry Regiment, 3d Battalion, Co L

Joseph S. "Joe" Swierczek, age 99, passed away on Friday, August 14, 2020 at Faxton-St.

Luke's Health Care in New Hartford. He was born in New York Mills on February 23, 1921, to the late Stanley and Katherine (Szarafin) Swierczek. He was raised and educated in New York Mills where he attended New York Mills High School. He continued his education at Canton ATI College where he graduated with honors in Electrical Technology. On November 18, 1945 he married the former Theodora Hamelik. The couple shared in a loving relationship that spanned over sixty-eight years prior to Mrs. Swierczek's passing on March 19, 2014.

Mr. Swierczek was in the National Guard when he was called into federal Army service during his senior year in high school. He served in the Pacific zone with the 27th Infantry Division during WWII as a Staff Sergeant. Joe was wounded in combat on the Eniwetok Atoll and again on Saipan Island. The war department notified his family that his wounds on Saipan were very severe and that he may not survive. Joe was hospitalized for over fifty-nine days with a neck wound and other injuries.

Joe was a Master Electrician, licensed by the city of Syracuse. At one time he held a position with Langdon & Hughes Electrical Contractors as their Superintendent and Estimator; he later worked in the same capacity for Casatelli Electric. Joe has supervised some of the area's largest electrical installations, including, the Utica Auditorium, Utica City Hall, the Oneida County Office Building, and MWP Art Institute. He was a member of the IBEW #43. Mr. Swierczek retired in 1983 after many years of loyal service.

Joe was an amateur Radio Operator with the call sign, WB2HDL. Besides communicating in Morse Code, he enjoyed building radio equipment and was an avid golfer. His memberships included, the Disabled American Veteran Chapter #82, the 27 Division Association, and the Whitestown and New York Mills Seniors.

Joseph is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Alan and Sally Swierczek; a daughter and son-in-law, Lenore and Charles Valuckas; grandchildren, Michael and Courtney Swierczek, David Swierczek, Steven and Jessica Valuckas, and Renee and Matt Copperwheat, and; great-grandchildren, Jacob Swierczek, Addison Swierczek, Mason Swierczek, Leah Copperwheat and Zoey Copperwheat. Also surviving are several nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, cousins, and in-laws, Genevieve Sapieszko, Edwin Hamelik, and Gen Piersma.



106th Infantry Regiment, 1st Battalion, Co D & 2d Battalion, Co H

Samuel B. Thornton, Jr. was born on May 6, 1923 and passed away on Tuesday, August 4, 2009. Samuel was a resident of Starkville, Mississippi at the time of passing.



106th Infantry Regiment, 3d Battalion, Co L

Leo Ray Truitt, 97, passed away peacefully on December 3, 2015, at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born on August 14, 1918, in Collins, Missouri, the oldest of five children born to Ray and Ina (Sink) Truitt. Leo graduated from Collins High School in 1936.

He was a veteran of World War II, U.S. Army, 27th Infantry Division, from October 1941 to November 1943.

He moved to Independence, Missouri, in 1944 where he worked for the Independence U.S. Postal Office. He and his wife owned the Bridge Café in Independence for 38 years retiring in 1985.

Leo's hobbies were fishing, hunting, gardening and enjoying the outdoors.

He looked forward attending his grandchildren and great-grandchildren's sporting events, dance recitals, school activities and family gatherings.

Leo is survived by his wife, Mary, of 67 years, daughters Carolyn Johnson and Marilyn Reinhard, grandchildren Jennifer (Eric) Ward, Brett Reinhard, Neil (Shelly) Johnson, Jeff Reinhard and Lindsey (Cole) Amaya and great-grandchildren Kylee, Kaylyn and Luke Ward, Saylor, Xander and Ollie Johnson, Jude Reinhard and Brecken Amaya.

106th Infantry Regiment, Cannon Co

Bill Upham passed away Oct. 5 following a stroke two weeks earlier. He was born in Portland, OR, the third of four children to Cecil Henry Upham and Julia Anne Johnson. He grew up in SE Portland and graduated from Commerce High School in 1937. Two days later he started working at Consolidated Freightways where he would be employed in various accounting positions for 46 years, interrupted only by WWII.

From 1942-1945, he served in the U.S. Army 106th Infantry Regiment, 27th Infantry Division, Cannon Company in the South Pacific, Saipan, Okinawa, and Japan as part of the first occupation troops.

Bill was blessed with the love and companionship of three wives, all of whom sadly lost battles with cancer. He was a compassionate caregiver throughout. He married Marie Maxine Smith in 1947. With help from family, they built a house and raised two daughters in SW Portland. In 1977, he wed Virginia Rounds and moved to Gladstone where he would live for the rest of his life, marrying Elaine Rinehart in 1991. He joined the Oregon City Elks, became involved with the Gladstone Historical Society, Gladstone Chautauqua Festival, and attended The First United Methodist Church of Oregon City. A man with a passion for bowling, he lived it, breathed it, dreamt about it. He served as President of both the Portland Bowling Association and the Oregon State Bowling Association. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame of each association for his tireless work on behalf of the sport.

He is survived by daughters Diane Angelo of Portland and Janet Upham (Mike Bjork) of Gladstone; stepdaughter Debbie Groom (John Mein) of Oregon City; stepdaughter Jan Holter (Duane) of Coeur d'Alene, ID; their children and grandchildren.

106th Infantry Regiment, 1st Battalion, Co D

Robert L. "Bob" Wheeler, 94, of North Syracuse, passed away on Monday at the VA Hospital.

Bob spent four years in the Army during WWII, three and half of those were spent in the Pacific Theatre in the 27th Infantry Division.

After graduating from Michigan State University, he worked 14 years at General Electric and retired after 15 years with the Carrier Corporation.

Bob was a past Commander of #25 Central City Temple and former High Priest of Central City Chapter #70.

Bob is survived by his wife of 67 years, Mary Elizabeth "Betty"; three children, Robert, Karen (Gary Lockwood) and Kenneth (Patty); three grandchildren, Mandy Bashore, Casey Bashore and Kelly Wheeler; three brothers, Charles (Bonnie), Wayne and Richard (Molly) and several nieces and nephews.



106th Infantry Regiment, 2d Battalion, Co G

John "Jack" William Wiedeman, 88, of Peoria Heights, passed away at 1:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 22, 2012 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria. He was born December 24, 1923 in Peoria, to John and Anna (Borgwardt) Wiedeman. He married Dorothy Backus on April 3, 1948 in Peoria.

Jack served in the U.S. Army during W.W. II, achieving the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was one of the first occupying forces in Japan and was honorably discharged in 1946.

He worked as a Printer with International Paper for many years retiring in 1986.

Jack was a member of the American Legion Post #2 and was a former member of Glen Oak Christian Church both in Peoria. Jack will always be remembered as a loving husband, father and grandfather.

Surviving are his wife Dorothy of Peoria Heights, three children: Nancy (Urs) Kienberger of Switzerland, Karen (Pat) Hibbs and Jack Wiedeman both of Peoria; seven grandchildren: Kari (John), Patrick, Zachariah, Madison, Morgan, Hailey and Hannah; three great-grandchildren: Lauryn, Nataley and Karsyn; and one sister, Rosemarie Helms of Peoria Heights.



106th Infantry Regiment, Service Co

Bernard H. Wildove, 89, of Lakeland, FL., formerly of Keene, passed away on Tuesday, April 26, 2016, in the comfort of his home. He was born October 4, 1926, in Middleburgh, NY, the son of Samuel and Lena (Levine) Wildove. He graduated from Siena College in Loudonville, NY.

He proudly served in the United States Army, in Japan, under command of General MacArthur.

He moved to Keene in 1955 and was the owner of his own accounting firm in Keene, and later became a partner with James A. Hogancamp & Assoc. of Keene.

He was a Bektash Potentate of the Shriners in New Hampshire in 1989, a member on the board of the Springfield Massachusetts Shriners Hospital for Children. Also, a member of Tampa Court 89, Royal Order of Jesters, Kachina Klub and a 68 year member of the Grand Lodge of Royal Arch Masons of Schoria Valley of New York. Other organizations are Eastern Star, Egypt Honor Patrol, Cheshire Shrine Club, Lakeland Shrine Club, Winnepesaukee Shrine Club, Cairo Cabari of Rutland, VT. Past President of the Lakes Region Billiken Club of Florida, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Elks Lodge, Temple Emanuel in Lakeland, FL. He served on the board at the Cedar Crest Home for Children in Keene, N.H.



106th Infantry Regiment, 3d Battalion, Co K & Service Co

Lloyd M. Zimmerman, 89, of Route 365, died Friday evening, Oct. 10, 2008, in the Oneida Healthcare Center. Born in Oneida on October 15, 1918, he was the son of Lloyd M. and Minnie Burdick Zimmerman. A lifelong resident of the area, Lloyd was educated in Oneida schools and was awarded his high school diploma from the Oneida High School at its 2002 commencement with other fellow veterans whose education was interrupted by the nation's major wars.

A veteran of World War II from the National Guard, he was inducted into the United States Army, where he served in the Pacific Theatre.

He married Shirley Worden in Verona on July 18, 1941. Prior to his retirement in 1972, with more than 20 years of service, Mr. Zimmerman was employed with the former Griffiss Air Force Base.

He was a member of the Mohican Model A Restoration Club, serving as the president and treasurer, was noted for his restoration of Model A's and many other Ford Motor cars, was an avid billiard player and enjoyed NASCAR but, only Fords.

Surviving besides his wife, Shirley, are two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Douglas Shue of Bonita Springs, FL and Brenda and Paul Manaseri of Oneida; one son and daughter-in-law, Lloyd C. and Patricia Zimmerman of Bonita Springs, FL; one sister, Sara Jones of Dunedin, FL; one brother, Lester Zimmerman of Yuba City, CA; seven grandchildren, Mark Adam Mark Zimmerman, Ryan Zimmerman, John Mulroy, Jan Mulroy-Boucher, Adam Shue, Evan Shue, Paul Manaseri Jr. and Chad Manaseri; five great-grandchildren, Evan Manaseri, Jacob Manaseri, Brennan Zimmerman, Alex Manaseri, Krystyn Manaseri, and Jacob Manaseri; several nieces and nephews, among whom are his special nieces, Wanda Zimmerman, Rosemary Fiore, and Camille Foote.