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# FRANK S. HERTZOG, 95 - December 25, 1920-August 15, 2016

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Frank S. was co-President in 2008 with his son, Frank A., who passed away January 9, 2015.

Irmgard [Jeanne]  
Hertzog  
December 31,  
1926

August 20, 2016  
5 days after her  
husband passed  
away.

They had a joint  
funeral Sept. 24.



Clifford A. Dyke  
358/M

Clifford was  
a faithful  
Reunion  
Attendee for  
many years  
and was at  
the 2016  
Reunion  
with his  
wife, Jane  
[Daisy]

November 19, 1925 -  
August 25, 2016



Ross J. Novelli, Sr. - 915/FA  
November 3, 1918-  
August 19, 2016  
Faithful 90th Div. Supporter

Ross and I [Rhoda]  
exchanged regular  
emails - the last one  
as a condolence to  
me in the passing of  
my Jim. He loved the  
90th Division!



# 99th Annual Reunion - July 28-30, 2017 - Fort Worth, TX

Editor, Rhoda Reid, writes...

Dear 90th Members,



First, THANK YOU to ALL who sent cards & sympathy notes when you learned of my Jim's passing from this life into Heaven. I have a huge stack cards and notes, which I cherish. The sense of loss is still intense and will be for who knows how long? I miss him so much! I am grateful to the Association for giving me the honor of now serving as the Executive Secretary/Treasurer [see note below], and I am committed to carrying on the great work Jim did since 2001. I will also continue with my regular responsibilities for the Association. Your love and support at the reunion helped me get through a very emotional time, and I know you all are grieving too. With God's help, it's one day at a time. Thank you to Ron and Linda Sholar for their invaluable help and guidance. Without their support, I wouldn't have made it. I offer condolences to others, who lost their Tough 'Ombre since the reunion. Many of the obituaries are in this edition, which is pretty much the entire newsletter. It's sad, but also a sign of the time we are in. For those reading this, **PLEASE** remember that the Association will only survive **IF** you **PAY YOUR DUES** and **contribute to the 500 Club!!** As of this writing, **ONLY 344 of 1577 have paid '16-'17 dues!** This is **NOT** sufficient income to keep the Association alive. We have the 2018 100th Annual Reunion to look forward to - make sure that happens by **PAYING UP!** For 2017, we will be at the DFW Airport South in Fort Worth one more time. [See page 10] The Spring 2017 newsletter will have information about the 2018 location. For now, keep the focus on 2017 and start planning now to attend that reunion. Thank you again for your love and support as my 90th family!

## NEWS FLASH!

### Rhoda Reid is New Executive Secretary/Treasurer

I am pleased to announce that Rhoda Reid is the new Executive Secretary-Treasurer for the 90th Division Association. She assumed the duties of this position in May.

Rhoda served faithfully as the Association's Assistant Executive Secretary-Treasurer for the past 16 years. The Association will greatly benefit from her decade and a half of dedicated service and with her well known passion for honoring our veterans, we know that the Association's business affairs will remain in good hands as we move ahead. Rhoda will also continue as Editor of the 90th Division Association Newsletter.

Congratulations Rhoda and thank you for your willingness to continue to serve this Association.

Art Meier, President

## Message from 2016-2017 President, Col [R] Art C. Meier, II



### Greetings, 90th Division Association Members:

Four months ago, we departed from the Association's 98th Annual Reunion. President Maryeva Beesley presided over a well-organized and inspiring reunion, but also one which was dedicated to the memory of Jim Reid, who had been the backbone of the Association for over 15 years. I salute Maryeva and those who supported her. Thank you all. Some of the highlights of the reunion were: the presentation by the Normandy Scholar, Isaac Romer; the informative talk by MG(R) Jaye Wells; and the very moving talk of Remembrance by Carver McGriff.

Shortly after the reunion, we were notified that COL (R) Frank S. Hertzog and his wife Jeanne passed away. He was a Co-President with his son, the late COL (R) Frank A. Hertzog in 2008. Sadly, I noticed that of the past six newsletters, five of them had been dedicated to Tough Ombres who had passed away. Two other Tough Ombres that also passed away since the reunion are Orvin Oien and Joseph Stobbe, whose obituaries are in this issue. Both were loyal members of the Association, and Joseph Stobbe was at the 2016 reunion. It is surprising that every year we still have at least 1 WW2 veteran attending for the first time, and this year it was Oliver Dade, 357/E who came with his 3 sons.

Since the reunion, the Executive Committee has taken several actions. First was the appointment of MG (R) J. Ron Sholar as the Associate Executive Secretary/Treasurer of the Association. This position was established to work with the Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Rhoda Reid, to ensure continuity of operations. This position will be only for two years, unless the Executive Committee extends the position. Also, we have appointed COL(R) Tad McClung and COL (R) Ronald Diana to address issues pertaining to the future viability of the Association beyond the 100th reunion in 2018.

At the 2016 reunion, the Locations Committee presented to the membership several location options for the 2018 Reunion. The members voted to have the Association research two locations. Rhoda Reid and Ron & Linda Sholar made visits to hotels in each location and will present the site selection information in the Spring, 2017 Newsletter.

The immediate focus is on the reunion for 2017 in Fort Worth, TX. The goal is to make our time together enjoyable and productive for all attendees. Specifics will be in the Spring 2017 newsletter as plans proceed. Now is a great time for members to make every effort to attend that reunion.

**YOUR 2016-2017 \$30 DUES WERE DUE JULY1! Have YOU Paid?** 2

We hope all enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas.



# CALL OF TAPS

**90th - 343/FA Bn - Dewald**, Merrill E., B Btry. - 08/09/15 - **Martin**, John B., 94; 04/22/16 - **Pabst**, William H., 95; 07/07/15 - **343/FA Bn - Oien**, Orvin C., B Btry., 96 - 08/29/16 - **344/FA Bn - Ballew**, Bob - 2016 - **345/ FA Bn - Hertzog**, Frank S., 95 - 08/15/16 - **357th - Kulczak**, Frank V., 91; A/CO - 09/14/16 - **McCoy**, John William, H CO & 90th Band - 03/30/15 - **Reynolds**, Ford, 94 - 08/30/16 - **Wrightman**, Warren ["Wighty"], B CO, 2nd Plt/3rd Squad - 2016 - **358th - Dyke**, Clifford A., M CO - 08/25/16 - **Gertz**, Melvin, 99; E CO - 10/09/16 - **Stobbe**, Joseph W., MD, G CO - 11/01/16 - **359th - Larson**, Arnold Thomas, 96; H CO - 09/04/16 - **712/TK Bn - Studen**, George, HQ - 12/28/13 - **915/FA Bn - Novelli**, Ross J. - 08/19/16 - **ARCOM - Brown**, Col [R] Gerald, JAG - 09/25/16 -

## New Members Added to 90th Roster!

**Barnes**, Capt. Dale D., 90/SB  
**Carson, Jr.**, Alexander G., son, Alexander G., Sr., 537/AW Bn D Btry.  
**Ford**, Jan F., daughter, James Ford, 357th  
**Johnston**, Pam Jean, 90/SB  
**Rockforte**, Joseph, POW, 357  
**Soukup**, Linda M., daughter, Merrill DeWald, 343/FA BN  
**Stanley**, Richard B., son Richard Stanley, 358/I  
**Studen-Pavlovich**, DMD, Deborah A., daughter, George Studen, 712/TkBn



**A - All 343rd veterans** - by Arthur C. Meier, II \* **All 358 Veterans** - by W. Tom Ridlehuber \* **Arivello**, Sgt. Walter J., 357/B 3Bn - by Christopher B. Harrod & Joseph Vespasiano \* **Aviles**, MG Dionel, ARCOM - by Col [R] O. Findley Brewster - **B - Ballew**, Bob, 355/FaBn - by daughter, Judy Needham \* **Bragg**, Eldridge, 358/L - by son, David Bragg \* **Bremer**, Ludolf, 359/L - by son, Paul Bremer \* **Bulger**, Richard H. ["Doc"], 359/Med Det. - by daughter, Jane Bulger - **C - Cancellieri**, Joseph T., 537/AAA - by widow, Arline Cancellieri & Charles Auerbach \* **Clemens**, Frank R., 357/E 2Bn - by daughter, Patti Clemens Peterson \* **Ciriello**, Gus, 358/M - by son, Augie Ciriello \* **Cohen**, Alvin M., 359/M - by widow, Jean Cohen - **D - D'Arpino**, Anthony R., 712/TK Bn - by daughter, Ann D'Arpino \* **Davis**, Clarence, 358/M - by widow, Annas Davis & Augie Ciriello \* **Deuen**, Henry "Duke", 315/B - by son, John Deuen \* **Dishman**, Haskell E., WW1, 315/Signal - by son-in-law, Col [R] Henry O'Neal \* **Dyke**, Clifford A., 358/M - by close friend & buddy, Clarence Begole - **E - Estep**, Artice, 358/H KIA 2/19/45 - by Vern Schmidt - **G - Garcia**, Alberto A., 358/L - by widow, Esmeralda Garcia - **H - Haley**, T/Sgt. William B., 357/B 3Bn - by Christopher Harrod \* **Hamilton**, LTC Edward S., 357/HQ - by daughter, Diana H. Cowell \* **Hammon**, John W., 359/L - by nephew, Earl J. Currie \* **Harvey**, Harry W., 359/D 1Bn - [con't. right column]



**H [con't.]** - by widow, Ann Harvey \* **Hertzog**, Col Frank A., Arcom - by widow, Deborah Hertzog \* **Hess**, Frederick J., 315/Med Det - by daughter, Sharon Hess Wallace \* **Hoyt**, Keen, 357/K 3Bn - by comrades in Arms, Jack L. Evans \* **J - Johnson**, John W., 358/K - by widow, Geraldine Johnson \* **L - Larsen**, Paul E., 359/C - by daughter, Helen M. Birchall \* **Lehtinen**, Sgt. Wendell E., 357/B 3Bn KIA France, 1944 - by Christopher Harrod \* **Lewis**, SSgt Millard "Rex", 357/Med Det. - by son, James F. Lewis \* **Lippincott, Jr.**, Lt. Wallace, 712/TK BN - by Vern Schmidt \* **Long**, George, 357/HQ 1Bn - by daughter, Mary Long Staszewski \* **Lord**, Francis E., 357/F., KIA 11/11/44 - by daughter, Louise Sparks Carter - **M - Martens**, Raymond, 359/L - by daughter, Kristen Martens Faller \* **Martin**, Alden D., 359/L 3Bn - by son, Ronald Martin \* **Martino**, Harry, 358/K 3Bn - by son, Joseph Martino \* **McCharren**, Edward L., 359/L 3Bn - by niece, Dot McCharren Weathersby \* **McCoy**, John William, 357/H & 90th Band - by daughter, Catherine M. Denise \* **McKnight**, Lee R., 359/I KIA - by niece Barbara A. Wells \* **Miller**, Laverne W., 358/HQ - by nephew, David W. Miller - **P - Pace**, Glen, 359/HQ 3Bn - by son, Terry M. Pace \* **Pelletiere, Sr.**, SSgt. John M., 712/Tk Bn - by son, John M. Pelletiere, Jr. \* **Pine**, Shawn, RRC, KIA Afganistan, 2009 - by Col [R] James D. Beesley \* **Poole, Sr.**, Reginald M. 359/M - by widow, Bette G. Poole - **R - Reid, Sr.**, James R., 344/FA Bn - by widow, Rhoda Reid; 90th friends, Col [R] O. Findley Brewster, Col [R] Tom Cleckler; Patti Clemens Peterson, Joseph Conn, Clifford & Jane Dyke, Kristen Faller, Loma Gilbert, Elaine & James Goodwin, Ann Harvey, Ross J. Novelli, John B. Phillips, Nancy A. Rasmusson, June Robinson, Kenneth Sanderson, Burnie Sutter & Sandra Richards, Catherine Staruk, Cletus C. Swihart, Alan D. Twisselman \* **Reisner**, Thomas F., 315/Med - by son, Ralph F. Reisner \* **Richards**, Clyde, 358/D - by son, Norm Richards \* **Robertson**, William J., 359th - by son, Dennis J. Robertson \* **Roper**, Robert, 358/E, KIA 2/19/45 - by Vern Schmidt \* **Robinson**, Billy, ARCOM - by widow, June H. Robinson, Col[R] O. Findley Brewster \* **Rutherford**, Joe T., 357/G - by widow, Gerry B. Rutherford - **S - Sablich**, Louis G., 357/AT - by brother-in-law, Jack A. Miotti \* **Salos**, Sam, 358/G - by next of kin, Michael D. Sharp \* **Scharbauer**, Eidson, 358/D 1Bn - by Norm Richards, son of Eidson's comrade, Clyde Richards \* **Schwartz**, Mary Elizabeth [Betty], 915/A Hon - by widower, Millard J. Schwartz \* **Sherfy**, Kay, 90/HQ - by son, Dennis Sherfy \* **Shostrom**, Earl R., 357/I 3Bn - by son, Keith Shostrom \* **Silbert**, William "Bill" C., 358/A - by widow, Elsa D. Silbert \* **Singer**, Wilburn, 359/AT - by widow, Margaret L. Singer \* **Speese**, Andrew J., III, 357/K 3Bn - by son, Andrew J. Speese, IV \* **Stamatis**, Peter C., 357/F 1Bn - by widow, Kay Stamatis, son, Mark A. Stamatis, Augie Ciriello \* **Stanley**, Richard F., 358/I - by son, Richard B. Stanley \* **Stenger**, Sylvester "Wes", 357/HQ - by widow, Viola L. Stenger \* **Stephens**, Frances Baker, widow of Roy Baker, 537/AAA - by Arline Cancellieri - **T - Thompson**, Russell, 359/K - by widow, Roberta Thompson - **U - Unger**, Gilbert, 537/AAA - by Charles E. Auerbach, & Arline Cancellieri - **W - Waterstrat**, CPL Norman, 357/K WW1 - by nephew, Richard M. Waterstrat \* **Weems**, Buddy, son of Chuck Weems, ARCOM - by Col [R] O. Findley Brewster \* **Wigton**, Irving, 358/E - by Vern Schmidt \* Received: a Memorial from George M. Hedrick, ARCOM - no specific names

# Reunion Reflections....

## REUNION DEMOGRAPHICS - 2016

*Recommendation: Visit the 90th website to view pictures of the Reunion!*

**TOTAL REGISTERED ATTENDEES: 160 +4 Color Guard = 164**

**FIRST TIMERS: 36**

**FAMILIES WITH 4 OR MORE: 9**

**Clifford, Loris - [90th ORD] Hon - 6**

**Ridlehuber, W. Tom [358/E] - 7**

**Losito, Frank - [357/HQ] - 4**

**Sanderson, Ken - [343/HQ] - 5**

**Poulsen, Steven [Paepke] 359/H Hon - 4**

**Schmidt, Vern - [358/E] - 6**

**Reid, Rhoda - [344/FA Bn] Hon - 5**

**Sholar, MG [R] J. Ron [RRC] - 4**

**Sutter, Burnett "Burnie" [358/M] - 15**

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### **TOTAL NUMBER OF WW2 VETERANS - 15**

**Dade, Oliver, 357/E**

**McGriff, E. Carver, 357/M**

**Spillar, Stanley, 357/Med**

**Day, John J., Jr. - 358/AT**

**Ridlehuber, W. Tom, 358/HQ,L,M**

**Staley, Milton, 359/L**

**Dyke, Clifford, 358/M \***

**Sanderson, Kenneth, 343/FABn**

**Stobbe, Joe, 358/G \***

**Ingram, J. Tom., 359/F**

**Schmidt, Vernon, 359/E**

**Sutter, Burnett, 358/M**

**Losito, Frank, 357/HQ & L**

**Sisk, Herbert "Bill", 915/FABn**

**Ward, Elmer, 90th QM**

\* Sadly, since the Reunion, both Clifford Dyke & Joseph Stobbe have answered the Call of Taps

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### **UNIT DEMOGRAPHICS**

[includes friends and family members - includes Color Guard]

**TOTAL 90th VETERANS: WW II - 13 -- ARCOM, RRC, SB: 19 COMBINED TOTAL: 32**

**315/Eng & Med - 3 [0 vets]**

**343 - 8 1 Vets]**

**344 - 5 0 VetS]**

**345 - 0 [0 vets]**

**357 - 26 [3 Vets]**

**358 - 49 [5 Vets]**

**359 - 16 [2 Vets]**

**90/QM - 1 [1 Vet]**

**915 - 1 [1 Vets]**

**90/ORD 6 [0 vets]**

**ARCOM -16 - [7 Vets]**

**RRC/RSC/RSG - 10 [5 Vets]**

**493/Eng 2 [1 vet]**

**SB - 5 [4 Active]**

**General Honorary - 11**

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### **STATE DEMOGRAPHICS: 22 STATES**

AL -4

FL - 2

IL - 11

LA - 1

OH - 3

UT - 2

AR - 7

GA - 3

IN - 2

MI - 5

OK - 6

VA - 1

CA - 13

HI - 1

KS - 7

MO - 10

PA - 2

CO - 1

IA - 1

KY - 2

NC - 2

TX - 78



# TOUGH 'OMBRES TALES

News from veterans of the 90th Division



Ed.: This section contains letters received from veterans only. "Family Album" has letters from family members.



**Ross J. Novelli, 97 - 915th**  
**Died August 19, 2016**



Ross Joseph Novelli, Sr. died August 19 2016 at the age of 97. He landed D+1 at Utah Beach, fought across Europe and came home a hero & a U.S. Army Capt. He was born at home in Galveston on November 3, 1918 to Giordano and Grace Torregrossa Novelli. In the postwar years, he entered the family business, Galveston Feed and Egg and became very successful. He then became a Life Insurance agent and was awarded membership in the Million Dollar Roundtable in his first year. He subsequently started his own real estate company, specializing in residential sales and appraisals. He was a frequent fundraiser for his Alma Mater, Texas A & M; the March of Dimes and other civic causes. The A & M Club Scholarship fund he inaugurated, was dear to his heart and probably what he was most proud of. It helped many men and women go to college. His years at Texas A & M gave him the foundation for his military career and his life. He was most widely known for his military service and for working to ensure the men who died in WW2 were not forgotten. He was a lieutenant in the 915th Field Artillery. He told The Daily News, "When I think of D-Day, I think of the hardships we went through to get to that beach". He earned the Silver Star for gallantry in action against the enemy. In 2012, he was given the French Legion of Honor Medal. A friend recalled that he was frail when the French Counsel Member came to his house to present the award. The friend said when they arrived, "Ross stood as straight as a flagpole to receive the award, thanking the counsel in fluent French, one of four languages he had learned over the years". Ross was a typical son of immigrants who came here and then gave back to the community. He was known for his fantastic memory and people learned a lot from him. Ross is survived by his wife of 65 years, Patricia; his eight children & spouses; 13 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; & nieces and nephews. Ross was a member of The Rattle- snakes - a group of boys who grew up together. He enjoyed fishing and hunting, and Aggie football. He was raised bilingual in English and Italian and had an aptitude for languages. French and Spanish were added to the languages he spoke. [Ed. note: In order to fit this space, the obituary had to be edited and shortened. He was quite a man!]

**358th**

**GERTZ, Melvin J. 99 - 358/E Obituary**



STEELE — Oct. 9, 2016, marked the passing of one of the few remaining veterans of World War II. Melvin Joseph Gertz, 99, passed away at his home in Steele. A celebration of his life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Steele, with the Rev. Jake DeBoer officiating. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery, Steele.

Visitation will be held at Eastgate Steele Memorial Chapel, Steele, from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, followed by a prayer service at 7 p.m.

Melvin was born June 19, 1917, in Driscoll, the son of Joseph and Anna (Bassen) Gertz. He was raised and attended school in the Driscoll area. A veteran of World War II, he took part in the D-Day Invasion and was awarded a Bronze Star and Purple Heart for his service. A long-time resident of Steele, Mel was the rural mail carrier for 37 years, city auditor for 22 years and city assessor, finally retiring at age 90.

He is survived by his wife, Florence (Hughes); his daughter, Roxane (Craig) Siggard, West Jordan, Utah; two sons, David (Patty) Gertz, Waterville, Minn., and Roger (Annette) Gertz, Smithfield, Utah; nine grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

The oldest of his siblings, he was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers, Lawrence, Don, Marvin, Dallas and Wesley; and two sisters, Verna and Lavirn.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Woodlawn Cemetery or a charity of the donor's choice.

Go to [www.eastgatefuneral.com](http://www.eastgatefuneral.com) to share memories of Melvin and sign the online guest book. (Eastgate Funeral Service, Bismarck)

**URGENT! Help your 90th Association!**  
**Pay your \$30 DUES TODAY! Include extra \$\$ for the 500 Club**



## Col. Frank Hertzog

Dec. 25, 1920 - Aug. 15, 2016

Col. Frank Hertzog (Ret) COL (Ret) Frank Sherman Hertzog, 95, US Army, of Huntsville, AL, passed away peacefully in his sleep on August 15, 2016.

Frank was born on his grandmother's farm in Baldwin County, KS on Christmas, 1920, to Oscar Hertzog of Reading, PA and Minnie Hlibner of Hecla, SD. He was raised in NW Colorado on his family's homestead, and in Maybell with his younger brother, Paul. Frank graduated from Manual High School in Denver and began studies in Economics and ROTC at Colorado State A&M College in Ft. Collins. Commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant in the US Army in 1943, he served in the European Theater with the 90th Infantry Division, Third US Army. Arriving at Utah Beach in Normandy on D-Day plus five, he was a Forward Observer in numerous campaigns across Europe including the battles of Normandy, the Falais Pocket, Metz Crossing, and the Battle of the Bulge. He earned a Silver Star, Bronze Star, and Air medal w/ four Oak Leaf clusters, among others.

Frank met Irmgard (Jeanne) Seeanner of Gangkofen, Germany in Neunburg vorm Wald while serving with occupation forces near the German/Czech border. Upon return to Colorado he completed his degree at Colorado State A&M. Eager to pursue Irmgard, he gained assignment to Friedberg, Germany with the US State Dept., and they were married on Oct. 22, 1949. They returned to Denver where Frank completed a Master's degree in Business Administration at the Univ. of Denver before being called back to active duty in the military at the outbreak of the Korean War, during which he served in a combat role. His Army career included assignments at Fort Riley, KS; Fort Sill, OK; Zweibrucken, Germany; the ROTC Department at Texas A&M University; heading a civilian plant in St. Louis making 105 mm howitzer shells, used to play a vital role in protecting our soldiers in Vietnam; and two additional tours in Korea. He had three tours at Redstone Arsenal, AL. From 1957 to 1959 he was a part of the Redstone Missile Group, involving the collaboration of the team of German scientists led by Werner von Braun to make the first successful launch of a US satellite in 1958, in response to Russia's

Sputnik. In his last Redstone assignment Frank served as the Commandant, Missile and Munitions Center and School, at the end of which he was awarded the Legion of Merit. Upon retirement in 1975, he studied three years at the University of Alabama in Huntsville earning a second Bachelors Degree, before launching into a career at Sperry Rand for 7 years. He and Jeanne lived in Huntsville, AL as community residents for 48 years.

A devoted and loving husband and father, Frank's marriage to Jeanne blessed them with 3 children, Frank Allen, Mike and Linda. An avid bowler, golfer, and lover of works of history and poetry, he encouraged his children's educational, civic and recreational pursuits and particularly enjoyed passing down his lifelong passions for fly-fishing and horsemanship. He was an active member of an OCF Bible study (for almost 40 years), the Mooreland Hunt Club in Huntsville, and the 90th Division Association, participating in numerous annual reunions including retracing his battle route in Europe on the 60th anniversary of D-Day. He often brought his children and grandchildren to reunions enabling them to share intimately in the stories of the TOs (Tough 'Ombres). He served as co-president of the 2008 reunion in Irving, TX with his son, Lt. Col (Ret) Frank Allen Hertzog.

He is predeceased by his brother, Paul, and son, Frank Allen. His wife of 66 years, Jeanne, followed him in death five days after his passing. Frank is survived by his two remaining children, Mike Hertzog (Mary Anne) of Signal Mountain, TN, and Linda Jernigan (Randy) of Durango, CO, daughter in law Debbie Hertzog of Boise, ID, eight grandchildren, six great grandchildren, and thirty six nephews and nieces.

Frank will long be remembered for his legacy of honesty, integrity and dedication to God, country and family.

He will be laid to rest with full military honors at the Chattanooga National Military Cemetery, 2-3:00 PM, on September 23, 2016.

Arrangements are by the East Chapel of Chattanooga Funeral Home, 404 South Moore Road, East Ridge, TN.

Please share your thoughts and memories at [www.ChattanoogaEastChapel.com](http://www.ChattanoogaEastChapel.com).

## Hertzog Obituaries - 345th/FA Bn

### Irmgard Hertzog

Dec. 31, 1926 - Aug. 20, 2016

Irmgard Hertzog, 89, of Huntsville, Alabama, passed away August 20, 2016. She was born in Gangkofen, Germany, on New Year's Eve, 1926, to Ludwig Seeanner of Vilsbiburg, and Irene Furst of Vilshofen, both in Bavaria, Germany. The youngest of three sisters, the first died at age two, followed by Hilda, and last came Irm. Music was an important part of her life from the very beginning. Her father was a gifted musician, a vocalist and organist who once performed in St Stephens Cathedral in Passau, which contains the largest pipe organ in Europe. Irm learned to play the piano at an early age. Her summers were spent with cousins at an ancestral country estate near Vilshofen named Frauendorf, a property that had been in the family since the 1700s. The success and expansion of Frauendorf were attributable to the work of her great, great grandfather, a noted Bavarian agronomist, writer, and educator who had gained fame promoting modernization of farming methods, benefiting all farmers of the region.

Irm's family relocated to Friedberg in 1934, shortly after the untimely death of her father, to the home of her aunt and uncle. It was at this point that she was encouraged by her music teacher to take up the violin. In 1944 an allied bomb forced the now extended family to move yet again, to Neunburg vorm Wald, near the German/Czech border. There she met her future husband, Frank Sherman Hertzog, a young officer who was part of the occupation forces of the U.S. Army at the close of World War II. She first saw him riding across the fields on horseback at sunset. When orders sent him back home after the war, patience was required, and creativity, to accomplish a reunion. Finally, on October 22, 1949, Irmgard and Frank married in St Bonifatius Church in Bad Nauheim, Germany. Along with a new husband, came a new citizenship and a new country. Not only that, the Immigration Officer insisted she have a new name. She

chose "Jeanne" on the spot. Frank Allen, came along the following September. While Jeanne was learning the ropes as a wife and mother in the States, her husband was busy with graduate studies and a full-time job. Then he was shipped overseas to the Korean War, leaving her to wonder if she would become a "war widow". Throughout the first half of their marriage, they had military assignments across the country as well as back to Germany, with two more children, Michael Scott and Linda Karen along the way. Jeanne was always hard at work turning her house into a home. She loved gardening, cooking, needlepoint, knitting, and reading; but especially children. Roses were a particular interest, passed on from her great grandfather who was a horticulturalist and rosarian. Her own passions fostered lifelong loves of music, reading, and gardening in her children. After years of moving with the military, she was grateful to finally get her own home upon Frank's retirement in Huntsville, Alabama in 1975. Other pursuits during her almost 50 years in living there included a German club and Officers Christian Fellowship Bible study.

Jeanne is predeceased by her sister, Hilda, husband, Frank (just 5 days prior), and son, Frank Allen. She is survived by two children, Mike Hertzog (Mary Anne) of Signal Mountain, TN, Linda Jernigan (Randy) of Durango, CO, daughter in law Debbie Hertzog of Boise, ID, as well as her eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

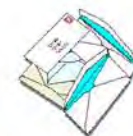
She will be remembered for her devotion to her children and family, a love for music, for nature's beauty, and a desire to cultivate that beauty wherever she was planted.

She will be buried with her husband at the Chattanooga Military Cemetery on September 23, service from 2-3:00 PM.

Arrangements are by the East Chapel of Chattanooga Funeral Home, Crematory and Florist, 404 South Moore Road.

Please share your thoughts and memories at [www.ChattanoogaEastChapel.com](http://www.ChattanoogaEastChapel.com).

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**358th**

## **Dyke, Clifford, 358/M - Obituary**

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Clifford A. Dyke, 90, of Fruitland Park, FL and formerly of Black River, NY, passed away August 25, 2016 at St. Louis University Hospital in Missouri while vacationing.

Arrangements are with the Bruce Funeral Home, Black River. A memorial service will be held at Bruce Funeral Home in Black River on September 6, 2016 at 11:00 am.

Born on November 19, 1925 in Buffalo, NY, son of George and Hazel Pegg Dyke, he graduated from Black River High School in 1944.

Following school he entered the Army in August of 1944 in Syracuse and served with M 358th Infantry 90th Division during WWII; which he recently attended their 98th annual reunion in Dallas/Fort Worth, TX in July 2016. He was honorably discharged in July of 1946 and received the European African Middle Eastern campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal and WWII Victory Medal.

Upon returning home from the Army he worked for the NYS Department of Transportation from October of 1946 up until he retired in May of 1983 as an Assistant Civil Engineer.

He married Jane (Daisy) Greico of Black River, NY on January 29, 1950 at the First United Methodist Church in Black River with Rev Salmon Card officiating. The couple moved to Jacksonville, FL in August of 1984 where Clifford worked for the State of Florida Commercial Swimming Pool Program as a Regional Engineer for 30 months. In 1986 they moved to Fruitland Park, FL.

Clifford was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Black River, Black River American Legion, former member of the Black River First United Methodist Church, Watertown VFW, Retreads Motorcycle Club and Gold Wing Road Riders Association in Leesburg, FL (Chapter FL1K), and he was a Master Gardner in Lake County FL.

Among his survivors are his beloved wife Jane (Daisy), Fruitland Park, FL; three sons and two daughters in law, Allan Dyke, Carnegie, PA, Stephen and Susan Dyke, Magnet, NE, Arthur and Kim Dyke, Watertown, NY; four grandchildren, Jennifer and Kevin Teufer, Rebecca and Adam Suroviev, Jayson Dyke, Justin and Kaitlyn Dyke; four great-grandchildren, Christopher and Haley Teufer, Aidan and Avery Suroviev, nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Carpenters for Christ, PO Box 57, Fruitland Park, FL 34731

Reception to follow at Savory Downtown

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**357th**

## **Kulczak, Frank V., 357/A**

### **Obituary**



Frank V. Kulczak - 357/A

(January 28, 1925 - September 14, 2016)

U.S. Veteran

Frank V. Kulczak, 91, of Hanover, was called home to the Lord above on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at his home.

Born January 28, 1925 in Everson, he was a son of the late August and Angela "Nellie" (Fabiszewski) Kulczak. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Edith in 1975, his brother, Joseph in 2004, his sister, Annastasia in 2005, his brother Victor in 2014 and his sister, Martha Kolberg in 2015.

Frank was the loving husband of Christine J. (Shuster) Kulczak for 39 years and also a loving father and grandfather who enjoyed family gatherings.

A 1942 graduate of the former Scottsdale High School, Frank was employed briefly by the UPTGRAFF Transformer Co. before being drafted into the service. A veteran of WW II, Frank served in the European Theatre of Operations including France and Germany as a combat infantryman in the 90th Infantry Division, 357th Regiment. He was awarded a Bronze Star, a Combat Infantry Badge, a Good Conduct Medal and three Battle Stars. Frank was honorably discharged from the Army in 1946 and later married his first wife.

As a civilian, he was hired by the Civil Service Department of the Army where he spent 30 years holding various positions. Frank worked as a comptroller a few years, eventually becoming an executive officer of the Giessen Army Depot. Frank was known for writing letters to the editor, was an avid bowler and was an enthusiastic Pittsburgh Pirates, Steelers and Penguins fan. He took pleasure in golfing at the local courses, especially the day he made a 171 yard hole-in-one in 1993.

In addition to his wife, Frank is survived by his children, Frank M. Kulczak and wife Jeanne, Hanover; Nancy Wrigley and husband Rob, Maryland and Matthew Kulczak and girlfriend Michele Goodling, Pennsylvania, sister, Emma Zeider and sister-in-law, Rosemary Kulczak, both of Pennsylvania and brother-in-law Bill Kolberg, Maryland, three grandsons, Nickolas Kulczak, Pennsylvania and Eric and Will Wrigley, both of Maryland and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Frank was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Hanover, the Holy Name Society, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a member of the Hanover Lions Club, serving as bulletin editor and treasurer. He was also a member of NARFE, the National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees, serving as president and legislative officer.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 11 AM at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 5125 Grandview Rd., Hanover with Rev. Ryan Fischer as celebrant. A time to share memories and an opportunity to view will be on Tuesday from 10 AM until the start of Mass. Frank will be laid to rest in St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Cemetery, Hanover with full military honors conducted by the Hanover Allied Veterans Honor Guard. Contributions in memory of Frank may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church, 5125 Grandview Rd., Hanover, PA 17331 or to the charity of the donor's choice.

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## Stobbe, Joseph W., MD, 358/G Obituary

Joseph William Stobbe, 95 - October 31, 1921 - November 1, 2016

Salt Lake City, UT-Our dear father, Joseph William Stobbe, MD, of Salt Lake City, Utah, passed away from causes incident to age on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at the age of ninety-five. He was surrounded in love by his large family and will be greatly missed. Dad was born on October 31, 1921 in Castle Dale, Utah, to Ludwig Henry Otto and Rosa Martha Augusta Naschcke Stobbe, the second child in a family of seven children. He married Elna Marie Parkinson Haymond in 1945. With the exception of the years he spent on his mission - serving in World War II and doing his medical residency - he made Salt Lake City his beloved home. He graduated from East High School and



from the University of Utah, graduating from the University of Utah Medical School in 1949. He found great joy and lifelong purpose through his medical practice of Obstetrics and Gynecology, serving on the staff at LDS Hospital. He frequently and fondly remembered his colleagues and patients.

After Dad was released from his missionary service in the New England States Mission in 1943, and feeling it his patriotic duty, he registered for service in the Army. In his fight against oppression and for his country, he landed with the 90th Division in Normandy on Utah Beach on D Day + 10, June 16, 1944 and fought the enemy as a combat infantryman and sniper through the foxholes, hedgerows and concrete bunkers of France. As a Staff Sergeant he was wounded three times and was awarded the Purple Heart Medal with Two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star with Valor, and his prized medal, the Combat Infantryman Badge. In the ensuing years he was also presented from a grateful French people their nation's highest honor, the Legion of Honour Medal in 2015; the American Freedom Festival Award of 2005 in Provo, Utah; and in 2012 he was made an Honoree of the Veterans Day Commemoration at the University of Utah. Other honors came from the citizens of Metzervisse, France, who commemorated the liberation of their town by Dad's army division by naming a city park in his name; the official request for him to lay a wreath at Utah Beach on June 6, 2006; and in 2004 he was part of the 90th Division honorees at celebrations and erections of monuments in thirty towns and cities liberated by the U.S. along the eastern border of France. We are proud of his service. Dad and Mom had a romance that blossomed through their young adult years, his mission, and throughout his military service. His love letters home to her from war torn France were chivalrous, tender, and hopeful. They were sealed on June 4, 1945 in the Salt Lake Temple, taking a honeymoon to California by train where he was given an Honorable Discharge from the military. Mom and Dad celebrated fifty-nine years of marriage before Mother passed away in 2004. From their union came six children, thirty-three grandchildren, and eighty-eight great-grandchildren.

Dad's hobbies and interests were wide and varied. He was an astute learner and had a memory and vocabulary that amazed us. Try as we might, it was hard to beat him at a game of Upwords or Scrabble. He frequently took us waterskiing at beautiful Lake Powell, on trips along the Oregon coast, and to our cabin. He loved the game of golf (proudly boasting two holes-in-one) and the serenity and joy of fishing, sneaking away every chance he got. But his real itch was traveling throughout the world. He visited places as diverse as Europe, the Middle East, China, New Zealand, Russia, and Alaska, as well as floating the Amazon River. Each of his children cherish the piano bench covers that he beautifully needlepointed, and several family members were the lucky recipients of his handmade furniture. The goofy stories of his imaginary giant, Humpskunk, became more outlandish and fun through the years, entertaining children and grandchildren everywhere. And we always watched in amazement at his magic tricks and guffawed at his witty humor. How did the gum cross the road?... Because of his deep and abiding testimony of the gospel of Jesus Christ, Dad actively served in church callings throughout his life. He especially enjoyed being a tour guide on Temple Square where he served weekly for many years and also served in many other areas of the church.. He was a noble, prayerful and good man, teaching us by example. He was most generous and giving, coming to the aid of many and touching lives for good. We are truly blessed to have had his life legacy as a pattern for ours. Dad is survived by his 6 children and their families; 2 sisters; & many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

[Ed. Note: This Obituary had to be edited and shortened in order to fit everything on one page. It was a beautifully detailed write-up of his life & legacy.]

## **After 2 close calls in France, Utahn returns to accolades - Town goes all out to honor its WWII American liberators**

**By Bruce Lindsay - KSL-TV - Published: Nov. 25, 2004 12:00 a.m -**







## 343/FA Bn



### Olen, Orvin, 96 - Obituary

Orvin Clifford Oien passed away Monday, August 29, 2016 at the Wakonda Heritage Manor in Wakonda, South Dakota at the age of 96 years. Orvin was born January 20, 1920 in rural Volin to John and Clara (Johnson) Oien. Orvin was baptized at Zion Lutheran on April 4, 1920 and confirmed at Volin Lutheran on May 3, 1936. He attended high school in Wakonda.

He served in World War II from 1942-1945 and was very proud of his service. He was in Normandy, France on D-Day, and then traveled across Western Europe to Germany and Belgium. Orvin's army unit was the "Tough Ombres" and liberated many concentration camps.

After his discharge from the Army, Orvin married Marie Paulsen on March 23, 1947. They lived near Beresford, and then moved to a farm near Volin in 1952 where they resided until 1992 when they moved into Volin. Marie passed away June 6, 2014. Later that year, Orvin moved to the Wakonda Heritage Manor.

Orvin enjoyed telling about war experiences, and loved his Farmall tractors, fishing with his grandchildren, and woodworking. Orvin took great pride in his lawn and garden. He and Marie traveled a lot in their RV, and were always ready to take in tours and meet new people.

Orvin left high school before completion to help his dad on the farm. However, he received his high school diploma in 2012 from the Gayville-Volin High School. Orvin proudly went on an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. with his son by his side in 2010. Orvin received the Knight of the Legion of Honor Medal in 2014 for his service in France and Western Europe.

Orvin is survived by his son Wayne Oien (Yankton), daughters Elaine Oien (Sioux City) and Lisa Tripp (Bob Proefrock) (Gayville); Grandchildren Matthew (Julie) Oien of Yankton, Timothy (Melissa) Oien of Volin, Joshua (Kearstin) Oien of Beresford, Jonathan (Susan) Oien of Long Beach, MS, Amanda (Russell) Frazier of Volin, Krista (Bubba) Tripp of Yankton, Cameron (Camille) Tripp of Hill City and Jeremy Tripp of Volin; as well as 19 Great Grandchildren. He is also survived by his brothers Robert (Norma) of Yankton, Kenneth (Louise) of Yankton, Gene (Mary) of Machesney Park, IL, and sisters Jeanette (Marlin) of Mesa, AZ, Phyllis Nelson of Mesa, AZ, and sisters-in-law Bonnie Oien of Yankton, Ruth Larsen of Beresford, and Betty Paulsen of Beresford.

Orvin was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 67 years, Marie; his parents, Daughter-in-law Jean Oien; Brothers Larry, Henry, and Clayton Oien; brothers and sisters -in- law Lucille Johnson, Norma Oien, Clifton Johnson, Harvey Larsen, John Paulsen; and nephew Raymond Oien.

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### Larson, Arnold H CO - Obituary



### Arnold Thomas Larson

(February 9, 1920 - September 4, 2016)

Arnold Thomas Larson, 96, passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 4, 2016. Arnold was born on February 9, 1920, and was the 2nd son of Lynn and Gertie Knudson Larson. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Lester Larson. Arnold is survived by his wife, Betty (Ernst) Larson of Everest, Kansas, a son, Anthony Larson and daughter-in-law Anne (Goarzin) Larson of Pace, France and a daughter Lisa (Larson) Bandre and son-in-law Michael Bandre of Overland Park, Kansas along with five grandchildren, Trent Bandre, Kate Bandre and Luke Bandre, of Overland Park, Kansas and Astrid Larson and Adele Larson, of Pace, France. Arnold grew up on an 80 acre family farm north of Everest, Kansas and attended the Marak School. After graduating from 8th grade, and with the country in the midst of the Great Depression, Arnold began full time work on the farm. He was a member of St. Leo's Catholic Church, VFW Post 1175 in Atchison and the 90th Division Association. Arnold was inducted into the United States Army at Fort Leavenworth, KS on April 1, 1942 and was sent to Camp Berkeley, Texas where he was assigned to H Company, 359th Regiment, 90th Infantry Division. Arnold participated in training maneuvers in Texas, Louisiana, and Desert Center, California before shipping out to Fort Dix, New Jersey where he then sailed to Liverpool, England. On June 8, 1944, Arnold landed on Utah beach, in Normandy, France as a jeep driver for 2nd Bn. Headquarters Company. As part of the 3rd Army under the command of George S Patton Arnold participated in Operation Cobra closing the Falaise Gap in the summer of 1944. Through August and September of 1944, his division took part in the Battle of Northern France, crossing the France-Germany border in November 1944. In December Arnold took part in the Battle of the Ardennes, pushing back German forces that had broken through Allied lines in the Battle of the Bulge. On May 7, 1945, shortly after entering Czechoslovakia, Arnold's unit received orders to cease combat operations, after being in combat for 308 days; the longest of any Infantry Division in the European Theatre. Arnold was awarded the Bronze Invasion Arrowhead and 5 Campaign Stars before returning home to Kansas in October, 1945. In June of 2014, Arnold was named Knight in the French Legion of Honor for his service during the World War II and for his part in the liberation of France. From 1945 to 1985, Arnold farmed on the family farm north of Everest along with his brother, Lester. Arnold met his wife Betty in 1967 and they were married on September 14, 1968 at Saint Benedict's Church in Atchison, Kansas. Arnold and Betty had two children, Anthony (Tony) on July 22, 1969 and Lisa on January 2, 1971. After retiring from farming in 1985, Arnold continued to live on the farm with Betty where he enjoyed gardening and maintaining the farm. Arnold was a devoted husband, father and grandfather and will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 AM on Friday, September 9, 2016 at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Horton, Kansas. A Rosary will be recited at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday evening at the Dishon-Maple-Chaney Mortuary in Horton, Kansas with visitation to follow. Burial will be at the Zion Lutheran Cemetery North of Everest, Kansas. Memorials may be made to the Everest American Legion and may be sent in care of the mortuary. A special message may be sent to the family at [www.dishon-maple-chaney.com](http://www.dishon-maple-chaney.com)

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## Stamatis, Peter C., F CO - Obituary

[Ed. note: I was not able to print Pete Stamatis' Obituary in prior newsletters, and because he was a faithful reunion attendee for many years, I chose to include it in this edition, even though he passed away May 10, 2015. His last reunion was 2014.



PETER C. (SPIROS) STAMATIS Devoted and loving husband of Katherine "Kay" (nee Marcus). Loving father of Maria, Tina (Larry), Patti (Joseph), Mark (Debbie), and Peter (Bobbie). Loving grandfather of Stephanie Hathaway (Brent), Stacy Seelley, Adam-Seelley (Meredith), Eric Johnston (Brienne), Alexis Stevens (John), Kristin Ninis (Odiseas), Nicolette Wright (Michael), Alexandra, Andrew (Joyce), Christopher (Adileny), Amanda, Abigail, Lyndi Sheely (Grant), Michelle, Jason, Stephen. Great-Grandfather of 16. Dear brother of Ruby Kowalsick (Jack, deceased) and the following deceased: Andrew (Laura), Angelo, Helen Alex (Michael), Tony (Vasso), Thomas (Pauline), Chris (Elsie), Mary Millas (William), Georgia Pavoris (Peter), Cleopatra Lavdas (James), Steve. Decorated army veteran of World War II, 90th Infantry Division; Member of American Legion Hellenic Post 453; Past Commander of American Legion 13th District; Member of 40 and 8; Member of VFW; Founding member and Past Parish Council President of St. Demetrios; Member of AHEPA. Visitation will be held Thursday 4-8 p.m. at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, 22909 Center Ridge Rd., Rocky River 44116. In lieu of flowers send donations to St. Demetrios. American Legion Service Thursday at 7 p.m followed by Trisagion Service at 7:30 p.m. Funeral Service will be held Friday, May 15, 2015 at 10 a.m. at the church. Interment St. Theodosius Cemetery.

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## Boyd, Emmett T., K CO - Obituary

Emmett Taylor Boyd, 91, of Woodbine, passed away Monday, May 4, 2015 at Capital Regional Medical Center in Tallahassee, Florida.

Mr. Boyd was born in Rome Community at Athens, Texas on May 22, 1923, to the late Charles R. And Carrie Pearl Stone Boyd. He was also preceded in death by his four brothers, Dewey, Hubert, Grover, J.P., and three sisters, Thelma, Lucille, Dora, and his first wife, Marjorie Higgins Boyd. He was the last survivor of his family.

At age 16, after graduation from High School, he entered the United States Army. After retirement from the Army he settled in Glynn and Camden County, Georgia, where he chose a career in Banking. During WWII, he made the Normandy invasion at Utah Beach as an Infantry Platoon Sergeant. He was a member of the Company "K" 358th Infantry Division. In July 1944 his Division re-assigned from the First Army to Patton's Third Army. He fought through France, into Germany, then Luxembourg, Belgium, and back into Germany again. Mr. Boyd was seriously wounded during the Battle of the Bulge on January 31st, 1945. He received a Battle Field Commission, after being wounded and was unable to serve as an Infantry Officer. His commission was transferred to the Finance Corps. He also later served a tour in South Korea as a Finance Officer. He retired as a Captain in the Finance Corps in October 1959.

Mr. Boyd is survived by his wife, Betty Jean Boyd; son and daughter in law, Charles E and Lisa Boyd, and very special granddaughter, Mary Margaret (Maggie) Boyd; two step-sons, Jimmy and Christie Foddrell and Kevin Foddrell, step-daughter, Betty Ruth and Robert Williams; four grandchildren, Jamie and Jordan Foddrell, Kristin and Alex Williams; 2 great granddaughters, Gemma and Stella Tanner, and a host of nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, May 7, 2015 from 5 pm until 7 pm at Allison Memorial Chapel in St. Marys.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, May 8, 2015, at 1 pm at St. Francis Assisi Catholic Church in Folkston with Fr. Mariusz Fuks officiating. Interment will be held at Arlington National Cemetery with full Military Honors at a later date.

## Studen-Pavlovich, Deborah, daughter, the late George Studen, 712TK Bn

Dear Ms. Reid: My father, George Studen [WW2 Veteran who served in the 90th/712Tk Bn], was a member of your organization, but he died on December 28, 2013. We received the Spring, 2016 newsletter in his name. Please remove him from the membership list. However, enclosed is a membership application form and check for \$30, as I would like to join your wonderful organization that keeps the memory of these veterans from our greatest generation alive. Also enclosed is my father's obituary that was featured in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. My father often talked about General George Patton and then I took him to visit the General's grave in Luxembourg in 1999, he wept when he stood over his grave. He said that General Patton not only brought them out alive from the war in Europe, but also he sent an example for how they should live the rest of their lives as patriots who put America first. Thank you kindly for your assistance, and your hard work and dedication in preserving the eternal memory of our soldiers. Best regards and God Bless America. Deborah Studen-Pavlovich. [Ed. note: Because I wanted to include George Studen's obituary in this issue, and it is very long, I have put it on the following page and then made the dues form an insert. Thank you, Deborah for your note and for sending the obituary of your father.]

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**GEORGE STUDEN**

March 13, 1926 - Dec. 28, 2013

By Torsten Ove  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

George Studen, a tough Serb from Midland who served with Gen. George Patton in World War II and returned home to devote himself to work and family, died Saturday.

He was 87 and had spent the last five years living in Oakland with his daughter Sara Jane Studen after suffering a stroke.

Mr. Studen was part of that generation hardened by the Depression and war.

He worked for decades as an electrician at Crucible Steel in Midland while running a construction business on the side during the summers, when he had 13 weeks off from the mill. He also later ran a scrap business.

His hard work allowed him to send his two daughters to college, a source of pride for him.

"He always wanted to be a provider. His whole life was working," said his other daughter, Deborah Studen-Pavlovich, chair of pediatric dentistry at the University of Pittsburgh.

"He was working all the time," said her husband, George Pavlovich. "He was an extremely strong person. He was a tremendous powerhouse of strength."

Despite the decline of Midland, where he built his own house in 1955, he never wanted to leave. But he suffered from dementia and could no longer take care of himself.

"Every morning when I'd wake him up and ask him how he was, he'd say, 'Grateful. I'm still here,'" said Ms. Studen. "He really loved life. He was so thankful."

Born in 1926, one of six children of immigrants from Yugoslavia, Mr. Studen grew up poor and went to work in the mill part time as a 10th-grader during World War II.

When he turned 18 in 1944, he enlisted and served as a truck driver for a tank destroyer battalion, part of Patton's Third Army as it pushed into Germany.

"He said, 'I thought I would get killed any day,'" said Mr. Pavlovich. "But he didn't really talk about it much."

At Remagen, he encountered the Messerschmitt 262, the world's first jet fighter, and later helped guard the Merkers Salt Mine, where the Third Reich hid plundered gold and art treasures.

He also allowed that the

**Hard work was  
WWII vet's credo**

Sherman, the main U.S. tank, was a "piece of crap" compared to the German panzers it faced.

"They outgunned us," Mr. Pavlovich recalled Mr. Studen telling him. "They had longer range and more power."

Mr. Studen came into contact with the famous Patton several times during the war and revered him. On a return trip to Europe in 1999 with his daughter and son-in-law, he visited the cemetery in Luxembourg where Patton is buried.

"He cried at his grave," said Ms. Studen-Pavlovich.

After the war, Mr. Studen followed the same path as millions of other veterans: He went to work and started a family. He married Mary Paich Studen in 1949 and raised his daughters in a small colonial house he built on Beaver Avenue, near the St. George Serbian Orthodox Church, where he was a charter member.

His family said he saw opportunity everywhere after the war and lived by the motto, "Always be more than you appear." Besides building garages for homes, his company built a larger commercial garage and leased it to a local trucking company. He also constructed a hangar at Beaver County Airport as well as water tanks, sewers and other projects around Midland.

When he suffered a heart attack in 1982 at age 55, he had to retire from the steel mill, but he got a generous pension and continued his construction business. He also started a new business buying and selling scrap iron, steel and copper.

"If he put his mind to something, he did it," said Deborah Studen. "He had a lot of fortitude."

He had few hobbies that weren't work-related, but he loved newspapers, reading several every day throughout his life.

After his wife died in 1993, Mr. Studen remained in the Midland home until his stroke five years ago. He died surrounded by his family at UPMC Presbyterian.

Besides his daughters, he is survived by a sister, Marcia Blount of California.

Visitation is 10 a.m. Thursday, followed by a church service at St. George Serbian Orthodox Church.

Military tribute and interment will be in the mausoleum in Beaver Cemetery.

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