

# Leroy Fritz

**Godfrey | Wednesday, April 18 2012**

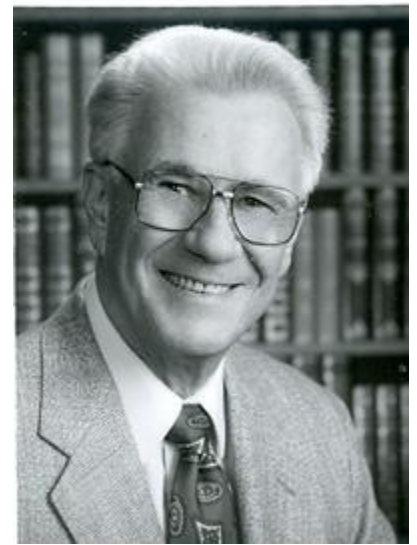
Leroy E. Fritz, 88, passed away at 4:10 am, Wednesday, April 18, 2012, at his residence with his family by his side.

He was born in Belleville, IL on November 14, 1923, the son of the late Albert and Anna (Feder) Fritz.

Leroy married Carol Stillwell Teichmann on August 5, 1995. She survives.

He served his country in the U.S. Army during WW II in the 745 Tank Battalion, in the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division. He fought at the Battle of the Bulge. He also served at the Remagen Bridge Head, and he earned 3 campaign stars, Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. Leroy achieved his college and graduate degrees from Western Kentucky University, the George Peabody College, and Southern Illinois University. He was employed as a teacher and administrator for the Alton Community Unit School District for thirty-two years, retiring in 1981. He was a member of the Evangelical United Church of Christ, where he sang in the choir. He played the violin in the Alton Civic Orchestra and was on the boards of the Alton Symphony, and the Alton Youth Symphony. He was also a member of the Alton School Board and was a piano technician and tuner for many years. He was extremely active in the community.

Leroy is survived by his wife, Carol; one daughter and her spouse, Ruth and Chad Fisher of Brentwood, MO; three sons and their spouses, William and Mari Fritz of Millstadt, IL, Robert and Doreen Fritz of Lombard, IL, and John and Tacie Fritz of Peachtree City, GA; two step-sons and their spouses, Scott and Sandy Teichmann of



Jerseyville, IL, Keith and Rita Teichmann of Newton Center, MA; eleven grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; and one brother, Lloyd Fritz of Reedley, CA.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

In celebration of his life, visitation will be from 4 pm to 8 pm Friday, April 20, 2012, at Elias, Kallal & Schaaf Funeral Home in Godfrey, IL.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 am Saturday, April 21, 2012, at the Evangelical United Church of Christ in Godfrey with the Rev. Jerry Mecaskey officiating.

Burial will follow at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey, with military rites by the Ritual Team of VFW Post 1308.

Memorials may be directed to the Evangelical United Church of Christ, the Alton Symphony Orchestra, or Alton Youth Symphony.

Online condolences and guest book may be found at [www.eliaskallalandschaaf.com](http://www.eliaskallalandschaaf.com)