



Francis Crivello

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Francis F. Crivello, 96, died at 5:24 a.m. Friday, July 20, 2012 at Saint Anthony's Hospital .

He was born March 4, 1916 in Alton the son of the late Michael and Mary (Caito) Crivello.

He entered the U.S. Army on December 22, 1942. After basic training in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and, further training in Shenango, Pennsylvania, he went to Newport News, Virginia (Deportation Station). The next morning he was ordered to Casablanca, Africa, traveling by boat for seven days. From there he went to Oran, Algiers and then to Sicily. From Sicily, the Fifth Army Company 448 invaded Naples in June of 1943. He fought all through Italy, Monacatini, Bolognese and into Florence. He was put back on landing boats in the Po valley, (Mediterranean Sea), from which his company made the invasion of Anzio and was there for 16 weeks. He then proceeded to Rome, Peambino, Milan, and then to Austria where the war ended.

He returned to Alton in October, 1945 .Frank Coontz and Nancy Kaye met him at College Ave. station. He was later stationed at Lake Charles, LA during the Korean War. Francis worked at Union Electric for over 40 years and retired in 1982. Airplanes and antique cars were his main hobbies. He was a member of Alton Antique Car Association , a private pilot, and a familiar face at our regional airport.. On August 27, 1947 in Alton he married Alma "Maxine" Blaine and she preceded him in death on November 2, 2006.

He is survived by three daughters; Nancy K. Dallas (Larry) of Holiday Shores, Marsha Crivello of Seattle, Washington and Marilee Crivello of Redmond, Washington, one son; Michael Crivello (Julia Tai) of Alton, seven grandchildren; Andrea Crivello, Sean Crivello, Merric Shank (Becca), Allegra Shank, Rick Wooley, Roger Wooley (Dee) and Carolina Stark, seven great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren, one

brother; Eugene Crivello and his wife Virginia of Alton, and his dear friend Mona Wilson of Godfrey. He was preceded in death by six brothers; Anthony, Gasper, William, Joseph, Leo "Pip" and his twin George, and four sisters; Josephine Caldarera, Mona Englebrech, Virginia St. Cin and Lucia Kasten.

Visitation will be Tuesday, July 24, 2012 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at Gent Funeral Home in Alton where funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Wednesday. Burial will be at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Godfrey with full military honors by VFW Post 1308.

The highlight of his life was being able to take the WWII Honor Flight to Washington, DC, therefore Memorials may be given to : Honor Flight Inc. , 300 E. Auburn Ave. , Springfield, OH 45505. Additional information and online guest book may be found at www.gentfuneralhome