



Anthony Wasuleski

August 22, 2009

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Age: 91 years

A resident of rural Cypress, Illinois.

Passed away Saturday, August 22, 2009, at 7:05 PM at his home near Cypress, Illinois.

Anthony was born December 3, 1917 in Scranton, Pennsylvania. He was the son of Joseph Wasuleski and Dora (Macieiski) Wasuleski.

Anthony was united in marriage to Iris Joan (McElyea) on July 14, 1949 in Benton, Illinois. She preceded him in death on September 8, 1984.

Survivors include:

3 Daughters - Toni Lynn "Pitty Pat" Newton, and her husband Randy, of Cypress, IL

Michele Ann "Weskshe" McGill, and her husband Ronnie, of Simpson, IL

Trisha Gail "Tang" Fielder, and her husband Terry, of Cambria, IL

a Son - Gregory Anthony "Hammer" Wasuleski, and his wife Denise, of Dongola, IL

10 Grandchildren - Matt & Katrina Snell

Jennie & Aubrey Edwards

Jodie Snell

Chad & Sabrina Wasuleski

Jared & Stephanie Wasuleski

Mandy & Ashby Tillery

Jeffery McGill

Dustin & Felicia King

Cody Fricks

Callie Yana

17 Great Grandchildren - Matthew Quimby

Zeke Snell

Gracie Snell

Gabriel Snell

Jacob Snell

Iris Rutherford

Amos Rutherford

Thomas Rutherford

Jenna Edwards

Haley Edwards

Luke Stepter

Emily Stepter

Michelle Wolford

Hunter Anthony Wasuleski

Claire Tillery

Noelle Tillery

Shelbie Stanley

a Sister - Geneva Smith - Benton, IL

a Grandson-in-Law - Derek Rutherford of Cypress, IL

His "Main Squeeze" - Velma Warren of Cypress, IL

2 Brothers-in-Law - Ralph McElyea, and his wife Nancy, of Elgin, IL

James Carl McElyea of West Frankfort, IL

2 Sisters-in-Law - Dot Nolan, and her husband Jack, of Robinson, IL
Priscilla Rennie of West Frankfort, IL
a Very Special Niece - Staneta Owsley of Roxanne, IL
Several Nieces & Nephews

In addition to his Parents and Wife, Anthony was preceded in death by:

a Granddaughter - Becky Snell Rutherford
a Great Grandson - Wyatt Snell
a Son-in-Law - Tom Snell
a Sister - Josephine Wasuleski
2 Brothers - Joseph Wasuleski and Stanley Zalensky

Anthony was a World War II U.S. Army veteran. He served from 1939-1945 in the 3rd Infantry Division, 7th Infantry "C" Company, and was discharged with the rank of Sergeant. During his military career, Anthony served in the African & European Theaters of Operation. He participated in campaigns in Algeria, French Morocco, Tunisia & Sicily. He was wounded in combat on three different occasions and received the Purple Heart. He also received the Bronze Star Medal & Oak Leaf Cluster, American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal & Bronze Star Attachment (Triple) & Arrowhead, World War II Victory Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Honorable Service Lapel Button, & Expert Badge & Rifle Bar. He was a Life Member of the Beggs-Gurley VFW Post 5222 in Vienna; a Life Member of the Disabled American Veterans Post # 51 in Benton, IL; a Life Member of the American Legion Post # 487 in Chester, IL; and the American Legion 40/8 Club.

Anthony was employed by the Illinois Department of Corrections. He worked

from 1949 - 1965 at the Menard Correctional Center in Chester, IL and from 1965 until his retirement in 1981 at the Vienna Correctional Center, where he served as Laundry Industrial Manager. Anthony had a total of 32 years service to the State of Illinois.

Anthony was a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church in Vienna. He was a Grand Knight Sir of the Knights of Columbus, 4th Degree.

Anthony had a zest for life and enjoyed hunting, fishing, shopping, collecting coins, and spending time with his family & friends. He never met a stranger and loved visiting and storytelling.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Tuesday morning, August 25, 2009, at 11 AM at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Vienna.

Burial will be in the Friendship Cemetery near Dongola, IL. Military graveside rites will be conducted by the Beggs-Gurley VFW Post 5222 of Vienna, IL and the Illinois Burial Honors Detail.

Friends may call after 5 PM Monday at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Memorials may be made to the Illinois Veterans Home, 792 N. Main St., Anna, IL 62906.

Tribute Wall



“ *Anthony Wasuleski*

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