



CHAPATON, OSCAR J.

HQ Co 383rd Infantry

Sterling Heights, Michigan
Oct 14, 1921 – Jul 11, 2009 (Age 87)

CHAPATON, OSCAR J. age 87, July 11, 2009 of Sterling Heights. Loving husband for 63 years of Jean (nee DeClerck). Beloved father of Maureen (Dr. Patrick) Rivard, Ann (Wesley) Masters, Thomas (Natalie) Chapaton, and Darlene Lapp. Loving grandfather of Dr. Elisabeth Rivard, Jeffrey Rivard, Maggie Masters, Katie Masters, Mathieu and Clarice Chapaton.

Mr. Chapaton was a General Contractor for many years. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus #2950 (third degree) since 1963. He was an avid fisherman and hunter.

His second love was composing songs when he had the time. One song, "A Doughboy's Night" was written in a fox hole in Leyte, Philippines, which Ginny Sims (Kay Kyser) sang nationwide. He served in the Pacific Theatre during WWII in the 96th Infantry, Division 383rd "Deadeyes" Headquarters as a radio operator Tech Sergeant from 1942-1946. He received the Presidential Citation and two Bronze Stars for bravery with valor.

He built 31 projects for the Archdiocese including churches, rectorys, and additions to schools as well as many homes. He hand built homes for each of his children.

Friends may call at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Rd., (3 blks. E. of Van Dyke) Utica from 5-9PM Monday and 2-9PM Tuesday. Parish Rosary 7PM Tuesday. Mr. Chapaton will lie in state on Wednesday at St. Isidore Catholic Church, 18203 23 Mile Rd., Macomb from 9:30 AM until 10:00 AM time of Mass. Entombment Resurrection Cemetery. Memorials suggested to The Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI48207-3485 please share a memory at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.