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Furilla, Michael Thomas

White Plains, NY

382nd Inf Co B

Michael Thomas Furilla, a White Plains resident, died January 18, 2011 at the age of 93. He was born March 13, 1917 to Michael and Marietta Furilla in Ardsley, NY. On February 14, 1939 he married Dorothy Yagunich at the Church of the Holy Trinity in NYC.

He was a Sergeant on the White Plains Police Department for 33 years retiring on June 30, 1979. He received the Macy Award for the capture of a mugger and several citations while on the force. He was a member of the American Italian Club of Elmsford, the Veterans of W. Harrison and the Westchester PBA and the Hole in One Club.

He was a WWII veteran inducted into the service on Oct 21, 1943 and was sent to Fitzsimmons General Hospital in Denver, CO for training as a medical technician. He arrived in Leyte on July 20, 1944 382nd Battalion. He was struck by enemy bullets April 21, 1945. He was awarded the Silver Star for Gallantry in action with citation. Later he received the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Combat Medical Badge, Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal, Philippines Liberation Ribbon, WWII Victory Medal and the New York State Distinguished Service Cross.

Besides his wife Dorothy he is survived by his daughter Gail Marie Kraljevic of Katonah, NY, his brothers George Furilla and Don Fuller and his grandchildren; Lori Marie Robinson, Tina Kathy Bowman and Denis Vladimir Kraljevic and great grandchildren Hailey Rose Kraljevic and Amelia Kate Bowman. He is predeceased by his son Kenneth Furilla and brothers, Chris, Pat and Lou Furilla and sisters Mary Nold and Ann Farrell. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather and a great friend to those who passed before him.

Visitation will be Thursday from 2-4 & 7-9pm. Mass of Christian Burial will be on Friday at 11:00 at St. Anthony of Padua Church in W. Harrison. Interment will take place at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.