

**NO PHOTO Plotner, Clarence Edwin**

**Co C 383rd**

TOLONO – Clarence Edwin Plotner, 95, of rural Tolono died peacefully at 4:23 a.m. Saturday (March 8, 2014) with his loving wife of almost 72 years by his side.

Clarence was born on the family farm in Philo on April 7, 1918, to Edwin Arthur and Minnie Mumm Plotner. Clarence lived all his life right on the homestead where he was born and was very proud of reaching the Centennial Farm Status; he was proudly a farmer all his life.

Clarence married the love of his life, Mary Lou Robinson, in Tolono on July 4, 1942. They had a son, Michael Edwin Plotner, on June 1, 1944. He passed on Jan. 7, 2007.

Clarence is survived by his wife, Mary Lou; his three grandchildren, Brian Plotner, Chris (Melissa) Plotner and Susan (Bill) Ward; and six great-grandchildren, Conner, Toria and McKenna Plotner, Ella Plotner and Aidan and Jacob Ward.

Clarence was preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Matilda, Randall and Helen; his son, Mike; and his great-grandson, Cody Plotner.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, serving in Company C 383rd Infantry. In the liberation of the Philippines, he was injured and received medals, including the Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

Clarence enjoyed bowling, camping with the Good Sams Club and he was a 50-year member of the Lions Club. He was a sports fan from Cubs baseball to Illini sports, Unity Rockets and Salt Fork Storm Football to NASCAR.

Memorials may be made to Tolono United Methodist Church or Champaign County Nursing Home Activity Department for supplies.

Funeral services will be at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 11, at Freese Funeral Home, Tolono, with Rev. Al Simonson officiating. Burial with military rites accorded will be in Locust Grove Cemetery, Philo.

Visitation will be from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.