

# Barney Avery, Deadeye

Co, 382nd Regiment US Army

The funeral for Barney Avery was held on the 24th of March, 2011 in Frankfort, Indiana. Barney lived for 86 years. There were hundreds of visitors that streamed into the funeral home that offered warm condolences to his family.

My wife and I were glad to have attended.

There was several family pictures displayed, a running video stream on the wall, a framed Deadeye poem, a large metal plaque engraved with fond expressions from his fishing buddies. and their wedding album. Also displayed was a large medal grave marker that included a notation the he had served in the US Army as a Sergeant, his picture, and an American flag.



After the personal remarks by the minister, there were those that came forward, and spoke of the affection they had for Barney. I was honored to share the story of how we met in our first foxhole in the rain on Okinawa, and listening to our artillery fire volley's echo throughout the night. I continued for a few minutes touching on the experiences we shared.

My wife and I attended Deadeye reunions along with Betty and Barney, and he loved being with his war-time buddies.

Music was provided by a mutual Deadeye friend; Ralph Black, who had came up from Tennessee to honor him. Ralph had also played for their wedding.

Members of local American Legion Post presented the American flag to his wife Betty, which they followed with a live three-gun salute, and the playing of Taps.

A former Marine friend of Barney's spoke to me about Barney's life, and how fortunate our country was to have a man, who would return from the war, love and touch so many people.

We will all miss him.

Barney was a soldier who served in the second squad of the Mortar Platoon, with M. Co. 382nd Infantry on Okinawa in 1945.

By W R Hill; who served with him in the second squad.

A message to the family

Betty, Rick, Glenda, Linda and family,  
Steve and I want you to know how very much we will miss "Uncle Barney". He was a fabulous man and did so much for the Frankfort community. I know Steve was especially close to him and felt as if your house was a second home for him. My boys who were little then, will always remember when you stopped by our house in SC with the RV. They thought it was the coolest thing they had ever seen.

When you came to Drew's open house my father so enjoyed speaking with Barney. They had great WWII chats that afternoon on our deck. It was a wonderful afternoon and we were so happy they made both those trips to see us and our family.

Mary Ann and Steve Avery

## Samuel B. 'Barney' Avery

Samuel B. "Barney" Avery, 86, Frankfort, died February 9, 2011 in East Naples, Fla.

Mr. Avery was born February 23, 1924 in Michigantown to Fay and Lucy (Paris) Avery. He married Betty M. Hann on October 27, 1946 in Peru and she survives.

A 1942 graduate of Michigantown High School, he lived in Michigantown before moving to Center Township in 1953. He was a farmer from 1946-1962, and then worked at Eli Lilly Production for 20 years, retiring in 1990.

His memberships include: First Christian Church, where he was a former deacon, American Legion and the Moose Lodge, where he was a life member. Mr. Avery was a 4-H Leader, on the 4-H Council, Fair Board, Community Schools of Frankfort Building Corporation, President of Indiana Poland China Breeders Association, and initiated restoration of Frankfort City Lagoons.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, he served from 1944-1946 in the South Pacific and received the



96th Infantry Division Presidential Unit Citation.

Surviving with his wife Betty Mae Avery of Frankfort are a son, Rick Scott Avery

(Glenda) of Frankfort; a daughter, Linda Kay Dyk (William Jr.) of Lexington, Ky.; a sister, Esta Cox of Frankfort; four grandchildren, Gregory Dyk, Kerry (Dyk) Higgins and Neil Dyk and Stacey Beeler; six great-grandchildren, Reagan and Jackson Higgins, Katelyn and Kendall Dyk, and Sasha and Rylan Galvin. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by sister, Julia Farley and brother, Ernest Avery.

Memorial services are 2 p.m. Saturday, February 26th at Goodwin Funeral Home. Visitation will begin at noon until time of service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Clinton County Cancer Society or the Moose Lodge. Envelopes will be available.

Online condolences may be made at [goodwinfuneralhome.com](http://goodwinfuneralhome.com).