

## **HUFF, ROBERT DEAN 'BOB'**

## Co A 383<sup>rd</sup> Infantry

Robert Dean Huff, 90, Indianapolis, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, March 12, 2015. He was born on July 12, 1924, to the late Harve

and Mellicent (Hawkins) Huff in Marion, Illinois.

He was preceded in death by infant daughter, Janice Catherine; siblings, George, Marie McDonald, and Maude Boettner.

Robert was selected to participate in ASTP and served honorably in the U.S. Army during WWII. His Company A, 383rd, landed on Leyte and later on Okinawa where he earned a Purple Heart. He was proud of being a "Deadeye", remaining active in the National 96th Infantry Division Association, serving as President at the annual reunion in Indianapolis in 1974.

He was graduated from Southern Illinois University in 1949 where he belonged to Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. Robert was in management with GMAC for over 30 years in Carbondale, IL, Evansville, and Indianapolis.

On November 8, 2014, Bob felt privileged to take the Indy Honor Flight to Washington D.C., a trip he talked about almost daily.

Survivors: wife, Frances C. (Tapella) Huff, whom he married on August 31, 1950; children, Stephen Huff, Charlottesville, VA, Susan Huff (Dan) Constantino, Indianapolis; sister, Betty Bryant, Bastrop, TX; grandchildren, Martin and William Huff, Natalie McGuire, Jenna, Anthony, Demetrio and Vincent Constantino; great-grandchildren, Hailey and Karmin McGuire; brother-in-law Bill (Pat) Tapella; sister-in-law Catherine Tanner; and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

Family and friends will gather Monday, March 16, 4 to 8 p.m., Lauck & Veldhof Funeral & Cremation Services, 1458 S. Meridian St. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 11 a.m., St. Mark's Church with burial in Calvary Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to Indy Honor Flight, 9093 S. St. Rd. 39, Mooresville, IN 46158.