



Francis F. Crivello

March 4, 1916 - July 20, 2012

Francis F. Crivello, 96, died at 5:24 a.m. Friday, July 20, 2012 at Saint Anthony's Hospital . He was born March 4, 1916 in Alton the son of the late Michael and Mary (Caito) Crivello. He entered the U.S. Army on December 22, 1942. After basic training in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and, further training in Shenango, Pennsylvania, he went to Newport News, Virginia (Deportation Station). The next morning he was ordered to Casablanca, Africa, traveling by boat for seven days. From there he went to Oran, Algiers and then to Sicily. From Sicily, the Fifth Army Company 448 invaded Naples in June of 1943. He fought all through Italy, Monacatini, Bolognese and into Florence. He was put back on landing boats in the Po valley, (Mediterranean Sea), from which his company made the invasion of Anzio and was there for 16 weeks. He then proceeded to Rome, Peambino, Milan, and then to Austria where the war ended. He returned to Alton in October, 1945 .Frank Coontz and Nancy Kaye met him at College Ave. station. He was later stationed at Lake Charles, LA during the Korean War. Francis worked at Union Electric for over 40 years and retired in 1982. Airplanes and antique cars were his main hobbies. He was a member of Alton Antique Car Association , a private pilot, and a familiar face at our regional airport.. On August 27, 1947 in Alton he married Alma "Maxine" Blaine and she preceded him in death on November 2, 2006. He is survived by three daughters; Nancy K. Dallas (Larry) of Holiday Shores, Marsha Crivello of Seattle, Washington and Marilee Crivello of Redmond, Washington, one son; Michael Crivello (Julia Tai) of Alton, seven grandchildren; Andrea

Crivello, Sean Crivello, Merric Shank (Becca), Allegra Shank, Rick Wooley, Roger Wooley (Dee) and Carolina Stark, seven great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren, one brother; Eugene Crivello and his wife Virginia of Alton, and his dear friend Mona Wilson of Godfrey. He was preceded in death by six brothers; Anthony, Gasper, William, Joseph, Leo "Pip" and his twin George, and four sisters; Josephine Caldarera, Mona Englebrech, Virginia St. Cin and Lucia Kasten. Visitation will be Tuesday, July 24, 2012 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at Gent Funeral Home in Alton where funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Wednesday. Burial will be at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Godfrey with full military honors by VFW Post 1308. The highlight of his life was being able to take the WWII Honor Flight to Washington, DC, therefore Memorials may be given to : Honor Flight Inc. , 300 E. Auburn Ave. , Springfield, OH 45505.

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Tribute Wall



“ Francis F. Crivello

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



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“ Francis & Maxine were the best people I have ever known.

Elizabeth Rushton - December 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Mr. Crivello was such a nice man. He will be missed. Marsha, I'll always remember how much fun we had when he took the third grade Girl Scouts flying.

Sherry Hiller - August 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ You will be missed

Rhonda Nolle-Smith - July 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ I'm sorry I wasn't able to make it the funeral home or the service. I have happy memories of Uncle Francis - dancing with me at many wedding receptions, including my own - especially to rock n roll music from my generation! I've always loved the yellow mustang and watching for France & Maxine in the Alton parades. Such a fun and happy man who loved spreading joy to all he encountered. My condolences to everyone.

Chris (Nickell) Baker

Christine Baker - July 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Francis was my hero when I was a kid. He always had time for me and treated me like a son. He will be missed.

Larry Crivello

Larry Crivello - July 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Francis was a good friend in the car club. We will miss his smiling face. God will bless him.

Sam Gulotta - July 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ We are out of town and I am sorry that I will miss Francis' services. He was one of the finest gentlemen I have ever met.

Bill and Anna Haine

Senator Bill and Anna Haine - July 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ We were so sad to hear of Francis' passing. We had the pleasure of playing pool with Francis and Gene at our Grandma's house last summer and we had a ball. Our hearts go out to Gene and the entire family. With love from New York City,

God Bless,
Gail Glazebrook & Tony Robles

Tony & Gail - July 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ I am so sorry for you loss of one great man. I've known Mr Crivello for several years and have enjoyed those years. One of the best times is when he took Marilee to our class reunion and "Dad" was her date. We had so much fun!

Daylinda Clayton - July 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ MANY FOND MEMORIES OF YOUR DAD. OUR TRIP TO CUBA "MO." LAUGHING ALL THE WAY, TIMES WITH YOUR DAD AND MINE IN THE ANTIQUE AUTO CLUB. SENDING YOU PRAYERS AND STRENGTH IN THIS YOUR SPECIAL TIME.KNOW THAT YOUR TIME OF GRIEF AND SORROW WILL ALSO BE FILLED WITH GOOD MEMORIES.

BETTY BALL TUETKEN - July 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Please accept our heartfelt sympathy on passing of your father
From Melissa & Joy
At the Saint Anthony's Adult Day Services

Melissa Slightom - July 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Dear Mike,
Although I am an Indiana resident, I do try to occasionally read the hometown paper on-line. I recently read of the loss of your dad and just wanted to extend my sincere condolences to you and your family.
Denise Amschler

Denise Amschler - July 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family, Francis was like a grandfather to me and my sisters growing up, then our grandchildren. You will certainly be missed, we love you.

Becky Wooff - July 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ Old Friend, may he rest in peace

George W Goeken - July 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ Mike, It's your friend from high school, Steve Jianakoplos. My sincere sympathy on the passing of your father. Clearly a great Altonian, and a genuine American patriot. I hope that our paths may cross face to face in the near future. Best regards, Steve J.

Stephen J. Jianakoplos - July 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ HE WAS THE BEST PERSON EVER HE WILL BE MISSED SO MUCH. WE LOVE YOU FRANCIS.

ROY & ELIZABETH RUSHTON - July 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *A sympathy card has been sent to a friend or relative of Francis F. Crivello.*

July 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM