



Calvin H. Katterhenry

January 21, 1917 - February 15, 2013

Calvin H. Katterhenry, 96, of Wapakoneta, died 11:25 a.m., Fri. Feb. 15, 2013, at Lima Memorial Health System. He was born Jan. 21, 1917, in New Knoxville, OH, near Carter Creek, the son of Jacob W. & Elizabeth (Hinze) Katterheinrich (correct spelling), who preceded him in death. Survivors include, a niece, Barbara (Denver) Zimmerly, Findlay, OH, & nephew, Mahlon Harrod, Great nephews, Mark A. Katterheinrich, Wapakoneta; Tim (Denise) Gillespie, Toledo, Eric (Cindy) Jordan, Perrysburg, OH, great nieces, Hope (Mick) McCune, Cridersville; Amber (Tom) Leiner, McComb, OH, Lisa (Tim) Ervin, Findlay; Janet Pratt, Toledo, & Susan Jordan, Colorado Springs, CO, 5 great great nephews and 7 great great nieces. He was preceded in death by brothers, Harold H. Katterheinrich, Kermit W. (Helen) Katterheinrich, sisters, Persies (Richard) Jacobs, Mildred (Wilbur) Jordan, Adelia (Swartz) Sharpe, nephews, Carl Swartz, James K. Katterheinrich, Thomas F. (Carol) Katterheinrich, Kenneth (Dorothy) Jordan, and nieces, Betty Lou Swartz, Nancy J. Harrod, and Kathleen (Paul) Gillespie. Cal was an upholsterer, and owned and operated Cal's Upholstery Shop, Wapakoneta. A graduate of New Knoxville High School, he was a member of St. Paul United Church, Wapakoneta. He was a U.S. Army veteran and served during W.W. II. He entered the service in May, 1941, and after basic training, served with Co. F, 157th Infantry, Regiment 45 Thunderbirds Division. He sailed overseas in June 1943, and was in the invasion of Sicily and Italy. He served as platoon sergeant, was wounded in Feb. 1944, at Anzio, Italy, and was discharged Nov.

1944. He was awarded the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star, European African Middle East Medal with two Bronze Stars, the Combat Infantry Badge, the American Defense Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the World War II, Efficiency Honor Fideles, Expert Rifleman and Sharpshooter. Calvin was a life member of the V.F.W. Post #8445, Wapakoneta, and a member of the American Legion Post #444, New Knoxville, OH. His other memberships included the DAV, Auglaize Co. Chapter #73; the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, Aerie #691; Brands Lake Fishing Club; Moulton Gun Club, the 157th Infantry and 45th Division Associations and the Wapakoneta YMCA. Calvin loved his all of his family very much, and loved to hunt and fish especially on trips to Colorado, Canada, and the local lakes and woods. He enjoyed the flowers around his house and did some gardening when possible. He also enjoyed his Army reunions held once each year with his friends and buddies who made it through the war. These reunions were held in a different city each year. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Tues. Feb. 19, 2013, at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta, Pastor Becky Sunday officiating. Burial is to follow in the Pilger Rhue Cemetery, New Knoxville, where military rites will be conducted by the Wapakoneta V.F.W. The family will receive friends 2-8 p.m., Mon. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be directed to Putnam Co. Hospice, 139 Court St., Ottawa, OH, 45875.

Tribute Wall

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“ Our belated condolences to Cal's family. I was thinking of Cal today, so I checked online to find this. I have many years of great memories of deer hunting with Cal in north western Colorado, along with my dad Vernon Albers. Cal and my dad served together in the 157th infantry during WWII. I remember growing up hunting with Cal and always impressed about what a great man and friend to my dad he was, and how incredibly strong he was. My dad would tell stories about how other GI's would think about hassling their group of buddies, until they saw how big Cal was. Maybe you still monitor this site, or get an email when it is written on. I still miss hunting with Cal, as I am sure you miss him to. Mark Albers albersgang@gmail.com

Mark Albers - December 01, 2018 at 11:19 AM

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“ Family of Calvin H. Katterhenry: My father served in the 157th during world war II. He died April 23, 1991. Maybe they crossed paths. You all have my condolences. Norman Thonpson 3468 C.R. 304 Ada, Ohio 45810

Norman Thompson - July 10, 2015 at 03:54 PM