



Otis M. Davenport

November 27, 1920 - June 7, 2009

Otis M. Davenport Jr., 88, of Vine Street, Marienville, passed away Sunday night, June 7, 2009, at his residence.

Born November 27, 1920, in Austin, PA, he was the son of Otis M. Davenport Sr. and Edith G. Allison Van Why.

Mr. Davenport served in the Army during World War II where he received a Defense Service Medal with six Bronze Service Stars, two Purple Hearts, Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, American-European African Middle Eastern Service Medal, Bronze Star Combat Infantry Badge, Good Conduct Medal; and World War II Victory Medal.

He was married on December 17, 1965 to the former Willa Murdock Dixon, who survives.

Mr. Davenport retired in 1974 from Marienville Glass Container. He was also a bus driver in earlier years.

He was a member of the Marienville United Methodist Church.

Mr. Davenport was past president of M.A.C.A. and was on the board of directors.

He enjoyed word puzzles, jig-saw puzzles, and playing cards with his wife.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by children, Robin Heasley and husband, Ronald, of Leeper; Otis Davenport and wife, Linda, of Jeanette; David Dixon and wife, Pierette, of Georgia; Carol Rulhman and husband, Virgel, of Marienville; Marsha Silvis and Robert Selker of Clarion; Richard Dixon and wife, Chris, of Marienville; and Gloria Conboy of Erie.

He is also survived by sisters, Aldean Cochran, Doris Fawler, and Norma Roseman; and his second family, Donna Frost, Rita Beichner, and Jim Olson. Also surviving are numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers, Ed Van Why and Fred Van Why; and sister, Lucille Cochran.

Family will receive friends from 5 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 10, 2009, and from 1 to 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 11, 2009, at the Ronald McDonald Funeral Home in Marienville.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. in the funeral home with Rev. Randy L. Evans, Hospice Chaplain, officiating.

Interment will be held in the North Forest Cemetery.

The family suggests that donations be made to M.A.C.A. or Clarion Forest VNA Hospice.

Arrangements are being handled by the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home in Clarion.

Tribute Wall

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“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to the family. May you all find the strength to get past this sad time. May each day bring you peace in this time of grieving.* ”

Alison Murray - June 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *You have my sympathy in the loss of your father and are in my thoughts and prayers. Blessings my friend.* ”

Nancy Diener - June 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ *We wish to express our sincere sympathies for your loss. We knew Mr. Davenport from transporting him and he was always so kind to us. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.* ”

Doug and Kelly Anderson - June 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *God Bless Mr. Davenport. A true hero, and Veteran of the U.S. Army's First Infantry Division (The Big Red One). Men such as he won us all our freedom, we shall forever be in his debt.* ”

Kenneth J. Smith - June 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *You are in our thoughts and prayers.* ”

Joanna Cross and family - June 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM