



Robert Ayars

February 17, 1911 - February 24, 2008

Robert Francis Ayars, age 97 of Salem died Sunday, February 24, 2008 at Southgate Health Care Center, Carneys Point. Born, February 17, 1911 in Bridgeton he was the son of the late Howard L. and Reba (Schlagel) Ayars of Bridgeton. Mr. Ayars attended Bridgeton High School. A resident of Salem for over fifty years, Mr. Ayars was an auto body repairman and retired in 1973. He was also employed part time as a house painter. He was an avid reader and enjoyed gardening, coin collecting and trains. A WWII veteran, Mr. Ayars was in H&S Company 852d Engineer Aviation Battalion and served as a construction machine operator. His tour of duty included Central Europe, Normandy, Northern France, and Rhineland. He was at Omaha Beach and the Battle of the Bulge and received the European-African-Middle Eastern service medal and a good conduct medal. Mr. Ayars served 22 years in the NJ National Guard, Company B, 1st Battalion 50th Armory and retired in 1968 as Staff Sergeant. He was a lifetime member of V.F.W. Post 253 in Elsinboro. He is survived by a daughter, Roberta Pawling of Melrose Park, FL, a daughter, Carol Gares of Bear, DE, a daughter, Jacquelynn (Bobin) Cordrey of Easton, MD, a daughter, Dorothy Masilotti of Deepwater, a daughter, Barbara Calvert of Newark, DE, a son, Russel Ayars of Deepwater and a sister, Leola Harkenstein of Alabama. He is also survived by his 14 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Mr. Ayars was predeceased by his wife, Dorothy Virginia (Heller) Ayars in 1982, a son, Robert A. (Ricky) Ayars in 2000 and a son Leslie Ayars in 2008. He was also predeceased by two brothers, Lewis Ayars

and Alvin Ayars and a sister, Doreen Ayars. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Saturday in the Ashcraft Funeral Home, 740 S. Broadway, Pennsville where a viewing will be held from 10 to 11 AM. Interment will follow in Salem County Veterans Cemetery, Pilesgrove. www.ashcraftfuneralhomes.com

Tribute Wall

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“ *2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.(KJV)*

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