Francis William Erd

November 23, 1925 - July 19, 2009

Francis W. Erd, age 83 of Maumee Ohio, died July 19, 2009 in the Elizabeth Scott Nursing Home where he lived for the past year.

Fran was born in Toledo Ohio on Nov. 23, 1925 to George and Nellie Erd Sr. He was a graduate of Libby High School and served in the United States Army during WWII. The war took him to Europe where he was a member of the 66th infantry Division also known as "The Black Panther Division". Fran was awarded 2 Purple Hearts before he turned 19. He survived the sinking of the Leopoldville, a merchant ship transporting troops across the English Channel on Christmas Eve in 1944. The ship was hit by a Germen torpedo and left him in the freezing cold water until help arrived. Eight hundred men were lost. Fran also received a Bronze Star for valor.

After he served two and a half years in Europe he returned to Toledo and married the former Beatrice Groves on July 27, 1952. They were married for 38 years. He was a truck driver for the former Buckeye Cartage Company and then for Buckeye Furniture Company before becoming a part owner of the business.

Fran enjoyed playing fast pitch baseball with his friends at the Twins Caf? and Steve's Bar. He was Notre Dame fan and reading was his favorite past times. He was known as a very friendly man who enjoyed talking to others. He was

not a religious person but he lived a Gospel life.

Fran was preceded in death by his wife Beatrice, his parents; brothers George, Art, Bob, Ray and Rich Erd and his sister Helen Rose Koberstein. He is survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S Reynolds Rd on Wednesday July 22nd from 10:00 a.m. until the time of services in the mortuary at 1:00 p.m. Interment will take place at Toledo Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorial may take the form of a contribution to the charity of the donor's choice.
The family wishes to thank the nurses and staff at Elizabeth Scott Nursing Home for their loving care.

Tribute Wall

Fran was a delightful neighbor-a real joy to live next door to. We will miss him very much. We cannot be there with the family today-but know that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Donna & Brenda Shaffer##imported-end##

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Fran was an amazing man. He will be missed greatly. My heart goes out to his family. I shall keep you in my prayers.##imported-begin##Jammie Loescher##imported-end##

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So sorry about your loss, Hope you both are well, just wanted to let you know you are both in our thoughts. Keep in touch.##imported-begin##Herb and Judy Medley##imported-end##

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Uncle Fran, where to begin, there are not enough words in the vocabulary to correctly describe Uncle Fran. Loving, caring, compassionate, wise , dedicated, unselfish
the list can go on and on.
He always cared for family and was a consumate caregiver. He always had stories about his parents, brothers, wife, nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews. I thank God I knew him and was a part of his life. To Jerry and Joanie, Pat, and Jean "thank you" for always being there for him. Ray and I tried as much as we could. Fran say "hi" to Ray for me. Our condolences to the rest of the family.
Rest in peace now Fran, till we see you again
someday. Love Becky and Alexandria,Marks family and Rays family.##imported-begin##Becky & Alexandria Erd Rebeccaaerd@aol.com##imported-end##

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Uncle Fran's great stories will be missed. A great Irish fan who loved to sit and talk football. You will be missed.

Steve, Danielle, and Brock Hochanadel##imported-begin##Clay Center Hochanadel's shochanadel@yahoo.com##imported-end##

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