



John Trowbridge

May 15, 2008

John "Calvin" Trowbridge, age 84, of Valparaiso and a WWII veteran of the 501st Infantry Parachute Regiment of the 101st Airborne Division took his final jump on May 16, 2008. He was preceded in death by his devoted wife of 55 years Alice "Kitty" (nee Mooney) Trowbridge in 2001; daughter Judith Brandt; grandson Christopher; 2 brothers and their wives, Charles (Wanda) Trowbridge and Leonard (Naomi) Trowbridge; and infant sister Fern. He is survived by 3 sons, David E. of Portage, Richard D. of Tucson, AZ and John M. of Valparaiso; 3 daughters Martha J. Henderson of Chesterton, Rita (Tom) Cantwell of Hobart and Alice Trowbridge of Chesterton; 17 grandchildren 11 great-grandchildren, numerous step grandchildren, sister, May Bland of Bloomfield, IN and brother Clifford (Margaret) Trowbridge of Martinsville, IN and numerous nieces and nephews. John was born in Delaplaine, AR on June 7, 1923, then lived in Bloomfield, IN where he graduated from Solsberry High School, Class of 1941. He enlisted in the Army in November 1942, completed parachute training and became a light machine gunner. He was wounded in Holland in 1944 and in Belgium in 1945. He was awarded the Purple Heart with Bronze Cluster, 2 Bronze Stars and numerous other service medals. He was a retired Teamster from Local 142 and was a member of the Knights of Columbus St. Thomas Council 1347 of Hobart, the Merrillville American Legion Post 430, and Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in South Haven. Funeral services will be Tuesday, May 20, 2008 beginning at 9 a.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 701 E. 7th St., Hobart, IN and proceeding to Our

Lady of Sorrows Church, 356 W. 700 North, Valparaiso, IN for a Mass of Christian Burial. Rev. Douglas Mayer officiating. Burial at Calumet Park Cemetery, Merrillville, IN. Friends may visit with the family on Monday from 2-8 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, Hobart. There will be a Knights of Columbus service at 6:00 p.m. and an American Legion service at 7:30 p.m. John will be deeply missed by his loving family and friends. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the VNA Horton Hospice, 501 Marquette St., Valparaiso, IN 46383.

Tribute Wall



“ We will miss Calvin's visits to Bloomfield. He was a special friend and beloved classmate to our mother, Imojean. He was quite an honorable man, not only in his service to our country, but simply as a man. He was one of the nicest people I have ever been acquainted with and we will miss his smiling face and friendly laugh.##imported-begin##Gary & Jill Gilmore##imported-end##

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“ Calvin was so special to us down here in Bloomfield, we enjoyed his visits, especially his wit and conversation. He will be missed. His service to his country was above and beyond what was asked for in that trying time.##imported-begin##Danny & Rhea Dawn Wonder##imported-end##

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“ Hello from cousin, Dianna Bland Hancock (Spencer) with my outreached arms sending extended hugs to Rita, Martha, Alice, John Michael, Richard, David and your families. Isn't it strange how we see ourselves as being \"all grown up,\" until someone so profoundly meaningful in our lives leaves this world. Yes, their soul is experiencing unimaginable promises from our Lord and Savior, and we are prayerfully thankful for this. Still, the reality of this world that they are no longer here for us to enjoy their corny jokes, their laughter, their guidance and daily presence.....this reality causes us to 'grow up' even more.

When my daddy, Kenny, passed away on June 12, 2000, I began at age 35, to \"grow up some more.\" I believe I know how most of you are feeling, and I send my hugs and condolences. I am praying for God to hold each and everyone at those moments when you need an extra bit of strength.

John Calvin was an entertaining member of our Trowbridge family, and his deep laugh was wonderful and unforgettable! I had no idea until reading his biographical information today, of his war efforts and accomplishments...how proud you all must be of him! And your mother, Kitty, was so marvelous -- they were such an awesome couple! Our love, Dianna and family

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blandhancock1991@node1internet.com##imported-begin##The
Kenneth Bland Family##imported-end##

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“ Uncle John,

We will miss your warm smile, beautiful personality and natural charm. It was always special to be with you. My mother, your sister May, always said that you were a sweet baby. One of her most tender moments was on the long train ride from Arkansas to Indiana in the 1920's when you were about 4 years old, and you put your head on her lap to sleep. We are grateful we have had you in our lives and are proud to call you Uncle and Brother.

Love,

Niece Linda (Bland) Benjamin-Miles, for husband Butch Miles, brother Keith Bland and your loving Sister May Bland.##imported-begin##Linda Benjamin-Miles and Butch Miles##imported-end##

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“ Our condolences and prayers are with the family. May Uncle Johnny rest in peace.##imported-begin##James & Ginger Szeszol##imported-end##

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“ May he rest in peace.
My thoughts and prayers are with all his family and friends.##imported-begin##Sheryl Kirkwood and Family##imported-end##

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