

PRIEST, William H.



87, passed away on Oct. 12, 2011, at Bay Pines Veterans Hospice in St. Petersburg. He was born in Pittsburg PA, on March 7, 1924 and was raised in Long Island, New York as the son of Helen and James Priest. Bill married Joan Westrich on Sept. 6, 1952. Bill was a 101st Airborne D-Day Veteran in WWII, and served in the Battle of Normandy, Holland and Bastogne. He was a member of the 101st

Airborne Division Association and American Legion Post 14. Bill retired from the City of New York, Board of Water Supply, and moved to St. Petersburg in 1982. Bill was a member of St. Raphael Catholic Church. He participated in the 50th Anniversary D-Day Jump, 1994 in Normandy and also in the Jump for the 60th Anniversary in 2004. Bill received the French Legion of Honor. He was preceded in death by his sons, William and Daniel. He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Joan; daughters, Kathleen (Ronald) Bozek, Eileen (Dale) Marks, Noreen (Tony) McClure; son, Jim (Tanya Shamy) Priest; and four grandsons, Anthony, Daniel, Michael, and Gavin. There will be a visitation on Friday, Oct. 14, 2011 from 4-8 pm at

Anderson McQueen Funeral Home, 2201 N. Dr. MLK St., St. Petersburg.

A Funeral Mass will take place on Saturday, Oct. 15, 2011 at 10 am St. Raphael Church, 1376 Snell Isle Blvd. NE, St. Petersburg.

□ Inurnment will be at Bay Pines Memorial Cemetery at a later
□ date. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Bay Pines
☐ Hospice: VAHCS Bay Pines GPF 1086.

May he rest in peace, our hero.

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