

Nienstedt, F. William

F. William Nienstedt, 90, passed away Monday, May 19, 2008 at his home in Mesa, Ariz.

He was born July 17, 1917 in Saginaw. He was the youngest child of Charles and Sadie Nienstedt. He was preceded in death by his parents and older brother, George.

At the age of 5, he moved with his parents to Caseville. In the early 30's, he and his brother built and operated the Sunoco gas station in Caseville.

He entered the U.S. Army in 1942, serving 3 1/2 years in the E.T.O. His sojourn in the military included North Africa, Italy, France and Germany. He was in the invasion at 10 a.m. D-Day at St. Tropez in southern France. He was honorably discharged in August 1945.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Valta (Diebel); two daughters, Peggy Smith and Joan Flynn, both of Michigan; five grandchildren, Adam, Kristina, Matt, Andy and Sarah; and five great-grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Connor, Jacob, Hazel and Colin.

Bill served as Caseville Postmaster from 1955 through 1972. After his retirement, he and Valta moved to Mesa, Ariz. in 1974.

Bill and Val were both active members of Velda Rose United Methodist Church in Mesa, Ariz.. He was a life member of Hubbard-Winsor Masonic Lodge in Michigan; a member of American Legion Post #51 of Buchanan; an officer and charter member of East Mesa Consistory Club; a member of El Zaribah Shrine Patrol of Phoenix; and a life member of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees.

Funeral services will be at noon Thursday, May 29, 2008 at the Champagne Funeral Chapel of Caseville.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials can be made to Hospice of the Valley in Mesa, Ariz., and/or Velda Rose United Methodist Church in Mesa, Ariz.