



Lambert F. Hillebrand

February 29, 1920 - October 27, 2007

Lambert F. Hillebrand, 87, a resident of ManorCare Health Services, died Saturday, October 27, 2007. He was born on February 29, 1920 in Chicago, the seventh of nine children to Andrew and Margaret Schoeber Hillebrand. Lambert was raised in Evanston, Illinois. In his youth he enjoyed ice skating, fishing, playing the concertina (self-taught), cars and traveling. In October of 1941 he was inducted into the United States Army and shipped overseas in March of 1942. Lambert served with the 41st Sunset Division in the South Pacific. He was wounded in Sanananda, New Guinea near Australia on January 16, 1943. He was the recipient of the American Theatre Ribbon, American Defense Ribbon, Asiatic Pacific Theatre Ribbon with two bronze stars, and the Purple Heart. Lambert was also awarded the Presidential Citation for partaking in a dangerous mission during which he was wounded. He was discharged from service in 1946, after spending three years in rehabilitation at Percy Jones Hospital in Battle Creek, Michigan. On June 26, 1948, Lambert married Ida Kemp Wilke. Being an accomplished carpenter, he constructed their home near Fond du Lac. In addition to his love for carpentry, he enjoyed gardening. He mainly worked in his own business ventures. Survivors include one sister, Margaret Snelten of Lake in the Hills, Illinois, and many nieces and nephews; David and Donald Snelten, Diane Sorensen, Debra Wieber, Mike and Dan Hillebrand, George Melvage, Sue Genser, Dana Ton and Donna Jenks, Dick Hillebrand and Florence Svean. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Ida on January 22, 1998, three brothers and two sisters. The funeral service will be held on Tuesday, October 30, 2007, at 2:00 pm at Mach Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Shari L. Routh officiating. Visitation for Lambert will take place from 11:00 am until the time of service. Burial will follow at Rienzi Cemetery where military rites will be conducted by the American Legion Trier-Puddy Post #75.