

William E. Anderson
Deadeye, 96th Infantry US Army
382nd M Company
Leyte and Okinawa



William E. Anderson, 87, of Jackson, formerly of Dyersburg, died Saturday, March 9, 2013 at his residence after a long illness. He was a Deadeye in M Co. 382 Infantry of the 96th Division in both Leyte and Okinawa. He received several awards including the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with two battle stars, the Philippine Liberation Medal, Philippine Unit Citation and the US Presidential Unit Citation, and the Good Conduct Medal, being discharged in 1946.

William was a self-employed residential contractor that built over 250 homes in the Dyersburg area. He was a member of Northbrook Church in Three Way, TN. He was an avid gardener and member of Jackson Meadow Veterans Group. While he lived in Dyersburg, he attended Dyersburg Church of God and was a member of the Dyer County Builders Association.

Survivors include his wife, Sue R. Anderson of Jackson; two daughters, Diane Autry and husband, Bob, of Friendship and Mitzi Fisher and husband, Louis, of St. Augustine, FL; two sisters, Shirley Arnett of Samburg and Mary Lee Kennedy of Anderson, AL; three grandchildren, Jill Autry Donnell and husband, William, Jamie Autry and wife, Marcie, and B.J. Fisher; and three great-grandchildren, Braden Donnell, Ella Catherine Donnell and Kaplan Autry.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Tolley and Kathleen Reeves Anderson; two sisters, Beulah Wheeler and Eula Willis; and four brothers, B.G. Anderson, Junior Anderson, Dan Smith and Freeman Smith.

He will be missed by all his extended family and including his Deadeye Army buddies in WWII.