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In Honor

Elised E. "Chuck" Briggs,

Deadeye

Mr. Elised E. "Chuck" Briggs, age 90, died Saturday, September 10, 2011 at his home. He was born in Muskegon, MI on October 19, 1920 to Charles E. & Percy (Rhino) Briggs and proudly served with the 96th Army Division in the South Pacific during WWII. Chuck married Doris Morris on February 23, 1942. He was employed by the Shaw-Walker Co. for 35 years until retiring in 1982. Survivors are Daughters, Karen Kirkland of Holland, Judy (Larry) Wright of Holton; 15 grandchildren; 27 great grandchildren; 3 great-great grandchildren; daughter-in-law, Wanda Briggs of Prairie Grove AZ; sister, Bonnie (Glen) Morey; brother, Ken (Dora) Noble; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife; son, Ira A. Briggs in 2009; 4 sisters and 1 brother. Memorial Service was held Sunday, September 25, 2011, noon at the American Legion Post 397.



Chuck Briggs and Bob Johnson sharing a story at a Deadeye reunion. Chuck Briggs and Bob Johnson sharing a story at a Deadeye reunion.

With the 96th Division he landed on Leyte On Oct 20, 1945 in M Co. 382nd Infantry regiment he served in a Machine gun crew. After the Leyte concluded, he continued his service with the Division and landed on Okinawa April 1, 1945. As combined American Forces took that Island, the division left for by LST in August in a typhoon and arrived on Mindoro In August, and he was there as the Japanese war ended. The Division left in December of that year and was met in San Francisco by Margery Main the famous actress at that time. He was soon home and discharged with several honors including the Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Star and the prestigious Presidential Unit Citation. He attended several Deadeye reunions, and with his daughter Karen. A fire destroyed all his Military mementoes. He often told the story how he and several others responded to a crashed Marine Corsair wing that crash landed in the Machine gun section of his company area in May of 1945. Men were buried in the mounds of dirt unearthed by the impact, and they rescued the men before they suffocated. He was a well respected and likable Deadeye, and we all miss his affable nature and his stories.