



Faraci, Albert W

Newport, NY

321st Engineer Combat Batt

Albert W. Faraci, 93, of State Route 28, died on November 19, 2008 at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Utica.

Mr. Faraci was born in Oyster Bay, Long Island on February 14, 1915, a son of the late Dominick and Elizabeth (Martino) Faraci. He graduated from St. Dominic's High School in Oyster Bay in 1933 and worked for a civil engineer in that area for the following 8 years.

Albert enlisted in the U. S. Army in 1941 and served during WWII as an officer with the 321st Engineer Combat Battalion 96th Infantry Division. On January 29, 1944, he was united in marriage with the former Ann Johnson in Medford, Oregon. Mr. Faraci was wounded in 1945 in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater and was honorably discharged in 1947 at the rank of 1st Lieutenant. Among various citations, he was the recipient of the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart. In 1951, he was called from inactive duty to serve an additional 1 ½ years in the U. S. Army. For this service during the Korean War, he was decorated with his second Bronze Star Medal. After moving to Utica,

Albert worked at the F. X. Matt Brewing Company and the couple moved to Newport in 1961. Mr. Faraci was employed by the U. S. Postal Service in Utica for many years, from where he retired. Ann preceded him in death on February 6, 1987. On October 13, 1990, he married the former Helen Renodin at St. John's Church, Newport. He was a member of St. John's Church and West Canada Valley Post #1524 American Legion, both of Newport. Albert was a life member of the DAV as well as a member of the American Postal Workers Union and Military Order of the Carabao. In recent years, he was awarded both the Conspicuous Service Cross and Star from the State of New York.

Survivors besides his wife, Helen, include one sister, Lee Cowan of CT; several nieces and nephews including, Diana Faraci of Oyster Bay, Long Island and Macel Desalvo of MD; several grandnieces and grandnephews, including James Desalvo of VA; three sisters-in-law, Mary Burritt, Virginia Allen and Isabel Farr and her husband, Homer, all of Poland; a brother-in-law, Rick Renodin of Utica; and many nieces and nephews of the Renodin family.

Funeral services will be held at the Autenrith Funeral Home, Newport, on Friday at 1:00 p.m. with the Rev. Leo F. Potvin, Pastor of St. John's Church, officiating. Interment will follow in St. John's Cemetery, Newport, where military honors will be accorded by the U. S. Army and local veterans.