



Thomas J. Rafferty

December 3, 1921 - October 21, 2018

Thomas John Rafferty, 96, formerly of San Diego, CA passed away on Sunday, October 21, 2018 in Syracuse, NY. He was born to Ann and Thomas Rafferty on December 3, 1921 in New Stevenson, Scotland. In 1942, at the age of 21, he joined the Army where he served his country fighting in Italy, with the invasion of Anzio and in France with the 45th Thunderbird Division. He was awarded 4 Bronze Combat Stars, the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. He was discharged honorably as a Tech Sergeant in 1948 due to injuries sustained during combat in 1945 in Northern France.

Following his discharge, he was employed with the American National Insurance Co. for 35 years. Our dad was predeceased by his wife of 44 years, Marie.

He is survived by his two daughters, Julia (Michael) Lucchesi of Colorado and Cathy DePaulis of New York; his son Thomas (Joan) Rafferty of Arizona; eight grandchildren, Melissa (Michael) Barrett of Washington, DC; Katie (Erik) Melander of Colorado; Carolyn Lucchesi of Missouri; Victoria, Veronica, Maddie and Katie Rafferty of Arizona and three great-grandchildren, Bryson and Elaine Melander and William Barrett.

There will be no public services. A family graveside service will be held in El Camino Memorial Park Cemetery, San Diego. Arrangements by B.L. Bush &

Sons Funeral Home, Camillus.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Veteran charity,
The Bob Woodruff Foundation, 1350 Broadway, Suite 905, New York, NY
10018 or www.bobwoodrufffoundation.org

Please sign the guestbook at www.BLBUSH.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Just heard about Uncle Tommy's passing. I have happy childhood memories of him and of his visits from California to see his NY family. We always looked forward to seeing him. May he Rest In Peace. Love to his entire family from Barbara Baschnagel Miller.*

Barbara Miller - June 04, 2019 at 08:27 PM

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“ *Hi Cathy,
Remember your dad well -- he lived a great and long life. Both of my folks have passed, as have my husband Hank's, so wanted to reach out and say hello and give you a virtual hug. Hope you are doing well.*

*My best,
Eileen (Heveron), now retired (!)
15255 Molly Anne Ct.
Valley Center, CA 92082*

Eileen Heveron - December 11, 2018 at 07:11 PM



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B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home / Monuments - October 24, 2018 at 09:10 AM

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Sorry for your loss. Thomas Rafferty New York.

thomas Rafferty - June 12, 2019 at 05:53 PM