



Donald Edward Merritt

February 1, 1922 - April 2, 2015

It is my sad duty to report the death of my father Donald Edward Merritt. He was born in Frankton Indiana to Charlie E. Merritt and Georgia (Sigler) Merritt February 1, 1922. He died at Edgewater Woods Care Facility after a short stay of a few weeks in the very early hours of April 2, 2015. He lived most of his life in Anderson Indiana, attending and graduating from Anderson High School (Class of 1940). My Father then went to work for Delco Remy from 1940 until he entered military service October 8, 1942. He served primarily in Burma with the Army Corp of Engineers 1382nd EPD doing communications related work, receiving an honorable discharge in December 1945 at the conclusion of World War II. During his service he married my mother Opal (Ledbetter) Merritt on February 5th, 1944 in Union County Mississippi. My mother preceded him in death by five years.

My father worked for Delco Remy in Plant 1 Process Lab for a total of 43 years of employment with GM. He retired in the 1980's to his house on 34th street where he lived the remainder of his life with my mother Opal L Merritt until a few weeks before his death at the age of 93. He was probably the last remaining original resident of Meadowbrook (South Downs) having purchased his house there in August 1947, one month before my birth.

He is survived by myself, Cal E. Merritt and his granddaughter Samantha S. Merritt. He is also survived by his one remaining brother Dallas Merritt and my many cousins and my mothers family members. He was preceded in death by his sister Mary Ruth Anderson, Roy, Robert, and Russell, and their spouses.

My father was a very frugal man and would want his family and friends to make contributions to worthy causes rather than send flowers and greetings to the ceremony this Saturday. I would recommend the Salvation Army. They are a faith based organization and depend entirely on contributions. Almost all of the contributions are applied to their efforts to help people in need. The Local office is: The Salvation Army, 1615 Meridian Street, Anderson, Indiana 46015-0678. Every time you hear that bell next winter you can contribute and remember him.

Visitation will be held from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM Saturday, April 11, 2015 at Robert D. Loose Funeral Home and Crematory, located at 200 West 53rd Street, Anderson, IN 46013.

Funeral Services will be conducted at 11:30 AM Saturday, April 11, 2015 at the funeral home.

Burial will take place in Anderson Memorial Park Cemetery following the service.

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Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

6805 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd.
Anderson, IN 46013

Previous Events

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Tribute Wall



“ *Loose Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald Edward Merritt*



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“ *I'd like to express my condolences to your family. Our great nation wouldn't be the country it is today, without the sacrifices of men like your loved one. We owe a great deal to all of our veterans. I hope you can find the peace needed during this trying time for your family.*

Matt - April 13, 2015 at 05:43 PM

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“ *Don and his family literally shaped how I view the world today, and I am a happy person for it. Thanks Don, I love you.*

Larry W. Mithcell - April 11, 2015 at 06:19 AM



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“ Cal, please accept my deepest sympathy during this sad time. Your mom and dad were great people, and truly they were my aunt and uncle during my entire childhood. I have lots of good memories of them and of Geneva too. I will never forget how talented your mom was (I wanted her to give me art lessons!) and I will always remember the chinchillas.

Carla Oakes Clark

Carla Oakes Clark - April 08, 2015 at 07:01 PM