



Elias French

November 7, 1922 - October 15, 2005

Anderson - Elias French, 82, Anderson, died October 15, 2005 after a recent illness. He was born on November 7, 1922 in Livingston, Tennessee. He served his country in the US Army, participating in the Omaha Beach invasion on D-Day, with continued service across France. He was the recipient of numerous medals, including the purple heart, bronze star and combat infantryman's badge. The France Ambassador to the US recently awarded Elias with the Diplome of Normandy for his part in the Normandy Invasion. He and his wife, Jeanette, later moved to Anderson where he became a toolmaker and they raised their family. He retired from Slick Engineering in Middletown. He was very active in the Meadowbrook Church of Christ, serving as Elder and treasurer for many years. He also belonged to the Disabled American Veteran, VFW and American Legion. His attitude in overcoming the many issues surrounding his war injuries and severe Rheumatoid Arthritis served as an example to most who knew him. Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Jeanette Wattenbarger. Three Sons: Gary Pam of Columbia, Tennessee, Rodney Vicki of Markleville and George of Wooster, Ohio. Grandchildren: Dorea DeWayne Johnston, Josh, Chance, Travis, Brandon, Erica and Brent French, David Jamie McCormick, and Mary McCormick. Four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents: Arthur and Oda Cantrell French. Daughter: Connie French. Siblings: Zephie Phipps, Rilda Harvill, Esbie French, Grady French and Effie Green. Services will be Tuesday, Oct 18, 2005 at 1:00pm, at Robert D. Loose Funeral Home - South

Chapel, with James Harrison officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery, Anderson with military rites will be by the VFW #266. Visitation will be from 4-8pm on Monday, Oct. 17, 2005 at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Meadowbrook Church of Christ. www.LooseFuneralHomes.com

Tribute Wall

LH

“ I enjoyed all the years we worked together at Slick Engineering and what a amazing individual Elias was.

Larry Hanson - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Too all.. We are so sorry to hear about Elias. Thinking about growing up next door to Janette and Elias, and how they were always there for us, makes them the ultimate prototype for what neighbors are to be like. Elias will truly be missed. Our prayers are with you all.
David, Rocky and Justin

David, Rocky and Justin Carle - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ It's rare to find anyone to look up to in life, but growing up I was lucky enough to have two great people as incredible role models living next door. Janette and Elias were there for every major event I can think of in my life and I will never be able to repay everything they gave. I remember as a child asking my parents why Elias walked so slow and it was explained to me about his handicap issues... I have no restrictions in my life, but I have a long way to go to catch up to the great man Elias was. Thank you Elias, Donnie Carle

Don Carle - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Gary and Peanuts, It's been many, many years since I've seen either one of you, but I have fond memories of your family from childhood. I am sorry to hear about the loss of your father. What a true hero! I wasn't aware of his war record at all. You must have been and still are proud of his bravery. Give my best to your mother. An old Longfellow friend, Tom Hervey

Tom Hervey - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ He was such a special person. I have so many fond memories, to numerous to mention. Our love and prayers are with you.

Jack and Rose Garrison - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM