



Raymond Wallace "R.W." Spradling

October 14, 1924 - September 5, 2013

Raymond Wallace "R.W." Spradling 88, of St. Albans passed away September 5, 2013 son of the late, James L. Spradling Sr. and Jessie Quantrill Spradling. R.W. was born October 14, 1924 in Brushton, Boone County. He was raised in Charleston and attended Charleston High School. He joined the U.S. Army in 1940 and was in the 82nd Airborne-505 P.I.R.-Co. D, jumping fourteen times including three combat jumps; Sicily, Normandy, and Market Garden. He was awarded two Silver Stars, two Bronze Stars, five Purple Hearts, three invasion arrowheads, five battle stars, the C.I.B. and numerous other decorations including a recently issued French Croix De Guerre.

When he got out of the Army in 1945, he worked for Whites Garage. R.W. then became a Charleston Policeman in May 1949 until his retirement in April 1978. Rising to the rank of Captain and during his tenure he was head of the Vice Squad, Traffic Division and Patrol Commander. 1949 was also the year he met the love of his life, Margaret Ann who had just graduated as an R.N. They were married in September 1949 until his passing.

"Sprad" was a lifetime member of the Capitol City F.O.P Lodge #74. When he was President, he served more terms than anyone, he was State Lodge Secretary and one of very few to be on the F.O.P National Board. He was very active in the Lodge for 64 years.

He is survived by his wife Margaret, his son Eddie and four grandchildren Lee Christenson, Savannah Spradling Poynter, Kara Christenson Griffin, Shelby Spradling and several nieces and nephews. His daughter Nancy Rae

Christenson was killed in an accident in March 2006 .

There will be an informal gathering of friends and family at the F.O.P Lodge #74 on Tyler Mountain Road, Wednesday, September 11, 2013 from 6-8pm.

Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond Wallace "R.W." Spradling*

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