

August A. Galante

August A. Galante, 79, of Monessen, died Thursday, Feb. 24, 2005, in his residence. He was born in Monessen, Sept. 13, 1925, a son of the late Angelo A. and Rosa Bounadies Galante. Mr. Galante was a lifelong resident of Monessen, a 1944 graduate of Monessen High School and a member of Epiphany of Our Lord Roman Catholic Church, where he was an active volunteer and a member of the grass-cutting crew. He was also a member of the Legion of Mary, life member of the Sons of Italy, VFW Post 1190, American Legion Post 28, Ravens AA, Italian-American Heritage Society, all of Monessen, the Disabled American Veterans, USS Essex CV-9 World War II Organization, the Aviation Ordnanceman Organization-U.S. Navy, Kanehoe Hawaii Klippers-World War II Navy Organization, CASU 38 Hawaii Organization, the Purple Heart Club and TREA (Retired Enlisted Men Association). He was retired from Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corp., having worked as a foreman in the Tube Division at the Allenport Plant. He was a veteran of World War II, having served with the U.S. Navy on the USS Essex CV-9, and he was a veteran of the Korean War, having served with the U.S. Army with Company D, 28th Division, Fort Campbell, Ky. He is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, August A. Galante Jr. and Linda Austin, of Penn Hills, and Angelo and Carol Galante, of Monessen; two sisters, Patricia Kozlowski, of Crafton, and Lena Alvarez and husband, Herman, of Monessen; four grandchildren, Kevin Galante, Sharon Galante Burke, Kenneth Galante and Matthew Galante; seven great-grandchildren, Courtney, Brittany and Jake Galante, Haley, Hagen and Zachery Galante, and Samantha Burke; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Joann Smith Galante; three brothers, Guido, Joseph and Anthony Galante; and a sister, Grace Urdenis. Friends will be received Sunday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the DALFONSO-BILLICK FUNERAL HOME INC., 441 Reed Ave., Monessen, 724-684-8750. Services will be held Monday, beginning with a 9:30 a.m. blessing in the funeral home, followed by a 10 a.m. funeral Mass in Epiphany of Our Lord Roman Catholic Church. Entombment will follow in Grandview Cemetery Mausoleum, Monessen. American Legion Post 28 and VFW Post 1190 will conduct a joint service for their comrade Sunday at 7:15 p.m.