



Benjamin Franklin Kimmerle

April 12, 2015

Benjamin Franklin Kimmerle, age 95, of Buford, GA passed away on Sunday, April 12, 2015. He was born on July 28, 1919 in Cambridge, OH. He graduated from high school and hitchhiked to San Antonio, TX, following his brother, John, to enlist in the Army Air Corps in 1938. His squadron was the first flight of B-17s to fly to the Philippines in October, 1941 to Clark Field. Following the outbreak of the war their group made their way to Mindanao where they were captured and transported on the Hell Ships to Japan and forced to work in the copper foundries. When liberated, weighing 42 kilos (93 lbs.) and recovering at Letterman General Hospital in California, he met Frances Flynn. They married four months later in San Francisco, CA on May 19, 1946. His Air Force career lasted twenty-three years, during which he was stationed in Thule, Greenland; St. John's Newfoundland; Kansas, and finally settling in Springfield, OH, outside of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base where he raised a family of three boys, John, Michael, and David. In addition to being active in the Boy Scouts, his career included machinist, vibration analyst and carpenter. They moved to Chamblee, GA in 1973 then to Buford, GA in 1978, settling into the old Bushee house. He is survived by sons, John (Angala), Michael (Sara), and David (Regina); grandchildren, Amy (Andre) and Megan (Craig). Pursuant to his wishes, Mr. Kimmerle's remains have been donated to Emory University.

Tribute Wall



“ *Benjamin Franklin Kimmerle*

November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ *Uncle Franklin was the last of the Kimmerle siblings of William and Rose Kimmerle. I grew up knowing about my family and its history. Uncle Franklin was my mothers last living brother. I remember the family gatherings at the home on Northern Ave in Springfield, Ohio. We grew up in a special time having the family around us. He will be missed.*

Electa Minnich Berk - July 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *So very sorry for your loss. Ben was always a joy to be around at Sherwood's Drug Shop. He always had a smile. He was a great man.*

Crissie Mason

CRISSIE MASON - April 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM