



## Joseph Francis "Pappy Joe" Ball, Sr.

February 26, 1920 - July 28, 2016

Joseph Francis Ball, Sr. "Pappy Joe", died at the age of 96 on July 28, 2016 at Greenfield Senior Living in Bel Air, MD. He was born in Pittsburgh, PA to Jethro and Catherine (Dominici) Ball and was the husband of the late Eloise Allegra (Lutz) Ball. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served during WWII in Germany, and participated in campaigns in Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe. He was awarded a Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Medal and European African Middle Eastern Service Medal with 3 Bronze Stars. Along with his late wife, they owned Curry Cleaners in South Park, PA. He helped his daughter as chief puppet maker and equipment manager for many Day Care shows and enjoyed going up to "Camp" in Tidioute, PA with his sons. He was a member of St. Margaret Catholic Church in Bel Air and a former member of Nativity Church in South Park, PA for 47 years. He was also a life member of the Knights of Columbus (Forest Hills and Pittsburgh) and the VFW Post #8803 (Tidioute, PA). No visitation. He will be buried next to his beloved wife, Eloise, at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Survivors include his sons Joseph Francis Ball, Jr. of Pittsburgh and Jay C. Ball (Barb) of Bel Air; daughter Eloise "Candy" Draksler (John) of Bel Air; grandchildren Jody Lynn, Nicholas Draksler (Kelly), Jason Draksler (Danielle), Carrie Ann Draksler, Chuck Greco and Pete Greco; and four great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents and wife he was predeceased by his sister Catheryn "Kay" Fournier and brother Jethro "Bud" Ball. Arrangements by GRIFFITH FUNERAL HOME, INC., (412) 655-4600. In lieu of flowers, the

family requests donations in Joe's name to Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675. Condolences may be offered for the family at [www.GriffithFH.com](http://www.GriffithFH.com)

# Tribute Wall

JA

“ Was really wondering why I was not mentioned in this obituary, I am Joe's jr's daughter, A Granddaughter of Joe sr.My Aunt's name is "Candy". Thanks for nothing.

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**Jamie** - December 24, 2016 at 08:48 PM

CB

“ Hi Joe, I am sorry to hear of your father's passing. I hope you are doing well, during this time of sorrow in your family.....Curly Benner

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**Curly Benner** - August 04, 2016 at 11:53 AM

DJ

“ Joe and Jay,

*Your father will be missed. This your old neighbor Don Wright Jr. It is difficult to lose someone. Barry and I lost our father at 68 years old and mom at 71 years old.*

*I believe your mom and dad are in a better place.*

*Don Wright Jr.*

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**Don Wright Jr.** - August 03, 2016 at 03:02 PM