

RAYNHAM FALLEN HERO

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS FRANCIS J. MURPHY, USA

Francis J. Murphy was born in Raynham, Massachusetts on March 30, 1911. Frank had two brothers and three sisters. Frank's father was a machinist and his mother was an Irish immigrant.

Frank was a graduate of Taunton High School. He was also married to the late Mary Christine (Dooley) Murphy.

Frank enlisted for the duration of the war in the United States Army in Boston on December 6, 1943 at age 32 and was assigned serial number 31427323.

Private First Class Murphy was killed in action in Europe on September 14, 1944 at age 33 after only nine months of service. Both of his parents died the same year.

Private First Class Murphy received the following military awards for his honorable service:

Purple Heart Medal with white cross distinguishing device to denote a posthumous award

American Campaign Medal

European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal

World War II Victory Medal

Private First Class Murphy was originally buried in France and reinterred with his parents in Saint Joseph's Cemetery in Taunton in July 1948. His headstone is located in Section 13, Lot 77-A.

Private First Class Murphy's home is believed to be near King Street. For this reason, it is appropriate that his FALLEN HERO sign be erected on King Street at the intersection with Orchard Street.

