



Railsplitter Obituary

Neitzke, Norman William



February 12, 1926 - December 8, 2008

Neitzke, Norman William of Menomonee Falls, age 82 went home to the Lord Monday, Dec. 8, 2008. Beloved husband of Lucille for 60 years. Cherished father of the late Russell (Donna), Jane (John) Lorch, Keith (Souy), Colleen (James) Cross. Proud grandpa of Jason, Eric, Christopher, Aaron, Kelly, Adrienne, Kimberly, Holly and Katie. Further survived by other relatives and friends. Norman proudly served in WWII as a member of the 101st Airborne "Band of Brothers" 506 PIR E Co. He was owner/operator of Tri-County Insurance Agency for over 40 years..

From the March 2009 *Railsplitters Bugler*:

MSG Norm Neitzke, MSG, USAR, Ret., passed away this past 9 December 2008, at the age of 82, survived by his wife Lucille, son Keith and two daughters Jane and Colleen. Norm was an Honorary Member of the 84th Division Alumni Association, as one of "our Greatest Generation Veterans from World War II".

Norm was a Milwaukee native who did not attend his graduation from Washington High School because he was at Army Boot Camp. Norm joined the 101st Airborne Division as a replacement in 1945 and assigned to Easy Company in the 506th Airborne Regiment that became immortalized by Steven Ambrose's book Band of Brothers and was later made into HBO series of the same title. Norm is mentioned in this book on page 261 and also appears twice in the HBO series talking about his experiences.

Norm returned to the United States to get married, raise a family and work in the insurance business eventually starting the Tri-County Insurance Agency. Norm also continued to serve in the Army Reserve and was an alumnus of the 84th Division USAR. Norm and Lucille often attended 84th Division Alumni Association events and was honored as one of our special members.