



Sgt. Karl R. Loesche

November 5, 2018

On August 8, 1939, Sgt. Karl Loesche, from Monroeville, NJ would leave his home and enter into the U.S. Army. After basic training Karl would return home for a few hours before leaving to the Philippines. No one ever thought it would be the last time they would see their son and brother.

On April 9, 1942, the United States surrendered the Bataan Peninsula to the Japanese. These troops were forced to endure a sixty-five mile march to a prison camp. This difficult march and the harsh treatment by the Japanese troops resulted in the death of hundreds of U. S. Soldiers. Although he made it to the camp, Karl would eventually die there on November 16, 1942. Buried in a U.S. Military Base Cemetery in Manilla, his remains remained unidentified until this year.

Karl was the son of Paul and Lucia Loesche, raised in Monroeville, and graduated from Woodstown High School in 1937. He is survived by his brother Richard Loesche and sister, Marion Loesche Atkinson as well as many other nephews, nieces and cousins. In addition to his parents, Karl was predeceased by several siblings, Gertrude Tamassy, Margaret Butler, Evelyn Matthy, Erna Frye, Josephine Eberle, Anna brant, Louis Knoferl, Lucy Bryant as well as his mother's first husband, Ledwig Knoferle.

After all these years, Karl will finally be coming home. A Memorial Service will

be held on November 17, 2018 at 11 AM at the Emanuel Lutheran Church, 366 Cohansey Friesburg Rd., Elmer, NJ 08318. The family will be available starting at 10 AM to greet anyone who wishes to stop by and pay their respects. Karl will be buried in the church cemetery with his parents after the morning service. www.adamsfuneralhome.org

Cemetery Details

Emanuel Lutheran Cemetery

Previous Events

The family will be available to greet:

NOV 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Emanuel Lutheran
366 Cohansey-Aldine Rd.
Friesburg (Alloway Twp), NJ

Memorial Service

NOV 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *A sincere thank you to Karl for his selfless service. I am happy he was finally able to be returned to the USA, and his relieved family.*

Cheryl - November 27, 2018 at 12:40 PM

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“ *Welcome home, Uncle Karl.*

Elizabeth Zollner - November 22, 2018 at 01:48 AM