

FRANCIS GEORGE ROSIAN



Francis George Rosian, 93, went to be with his Lord and Savior on September 18 after a long and courageous battle with kidney and bladder cancer.

Francis was preceded in death by his parents George and Meredith Rosian; his wife Mable Rosian; brother



Paul Rosian and sisters Ruth Dees and Delores Ann Steward.

Left in honor of his memory are his children Francis “Butch” (Carol) Rosian of Rio Rancho, New Mexico, Ted (Sharon) Rosian of Sparta, North Carolina, Frederick Rosian of Callahan, Barbara Terrell of Jacksonville, Corey (Shirley) Rosian of Heflein, Alabama and Craig Rosian and Candie Shelfer both of Callahan.

Mr. Rosian is a veteran of WWII, where he earned several medals including the European African Middle Eastern Theatre Service Medal, with 3 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal and Victory Medal. The airborne assault into Normandy, as part of the D-Day allied invasion of troops included Francis’ 82nd Airborne Division. The parachute troops were assigned what was probably the most difficult task of the initial operation- a night jump behind enemy lines five hours before the coastal landings. As a result, Mr. Rosian was shot down. The discipline and patriotism he learned in the Army never left him, as friends and family will attest. You never saw him without his military cap!

A viewing will be held on Thursday September 20 in the Nassau Funeral Home Chapel from 6-8 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Friday in the Nassau Funeral Home Chapel beginning at 10 a.m. Interment will follow in Hughes Cemetery in Yulee.

Condolences may be expressed at www.nassaufh.com.

Arrangements are by Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan, 904-879-1770.