Joseph Henry Bottoni, 94, of Hilliard, passed away June 16, 2019 after a long battle of advanced stage dementia. He was born September 16, 1924 in Carthage, New York to the late Henry Bottoni and Jeanne Zomponti Bottoni of Utica, New York. He was a US Army Veteran having served during WWII. He was an active member of the Hilliard community for over 35 years and was a member of First Baptist Church of Boulougne.

After his service to the United States Army, he spent many years in a successful career in Sales. It was often said, “Joe could sell ice to a polar bear!” He also had a passion for automobiles and mechanics and was often found under the hood of a car helping someone in need or rebuilding an old car engine. He loved music, dancing and having fun and was known for his big smile and happy friendly demeanor. He loved his family with passion and treasured his time with them. He will be deeply missed.

He is survived by the love of his life, his wife, Margaret (Meg) Bottoni of Hilliard; his brother George Bottoni of Utica, NY; and a large extended family of children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews who adored him.

A celebration of life service will be held Saturday, June 22 at 1 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Boulougne, 28226 Church Drive.

A Committal Service will be held July 15 at 2:30 p.m. at the Jacksonville National Cemetery.