



## Francis Welch

May 13, 1924 - May 10, 2017

Francis "Fran" Welch, of Old Bridge, passed away on Wednesday May 10, 2017. Fran had a successful career that spanned 30 years and he retired as a senior executive with Westvaco Corp in the Fine Papers Division, New York City. He was an All-Star Athlete in High School in both basketball and baseball, and promptly recruited to the Cleveland Indians Minor League Baseball Team (the Logan Indians) where he was considered the best shortstop of the league and responsible for the league's first ever recorded triple play. Fran was a United States Veteran, he proudly served his country and was honorably discharged and wounded in battle with the 24th Infantry Division ("First to Fight") in World War II. Purple Heart, Bronze Star and Medal of Honor recipient, among other military accommodations Member of VFW, DAV, American Legion, Old Bridge Elks Lodge 2229, and AARP Old Bridge Chapter 4854. A lifelong St. Louis Cardinals and New York Yankees fan. He was a Frequent Blue Ribbon Winner for his acclaimed jellies and vegetable entries in County Fairs. After retiring, he accompanied his wife Dee and her bowling teammates on many trips to cities in the U.S. for their participation in Women's WIBC-USBC bowling tournaments.. Extremely devoted to and survived by his wife Dolores ("Dee") of 68 years and 4 children: Frances Evanto and husband John, Susan Graziano and husband Anthony, Roger Welch and partner Marlene, Robin Welch partner Steven, His Sister Margaret McClellan and Sister-in-Laws Phyllis Welch and Shirley Welch, Grandchildren: Erik Evanto, Jessica Amato and husband Devin and Anne Shaner and husband Jim, 7 great grand children, 2 great-great grand children. Visitation will be held on Sunday May 14, 2017 from 2pm - 4pm at Old Bridge Funeral Home, 2350 Route 516, Old Bridge, NJ 08857. A funeral service will take place at 4pm on Sunday and burial will take place privately in West Virginia. To share stories, photos or to post an online condolence, please visit [www.oldbridgefh.com](http://www.oldbridgefh.com). In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project PO Box 758517 Topeka, Kansas 66675-8517, or to the Masonic Home, 3826 Murdoch Ave; Parkersburg, West Virginia 26105

# Cemetery

Montgomery Memorial Park

# Events

- MAY

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Visitation

02:00PM - 04:00PM

Old Bridge Funeral Home

Old Bridge, US
- MAY

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Funeral Service

04:00PM

Old Bridge Funeral Home

2350 Rt 516, Old Bridge, NJ, US, 08857

# Comments

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“ I'm so sorry to hear so late about your husband Fran. May God grant you peace and fond memories forever.

**Jean Van Hook** - June 06, 2017 at 10:08 AM

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“ I will never forget how sweet, kind, loving and welcoming you were. Heart of gold. Love you Uncle Fran. Julie Smith Nugent

**Julie Nugent** - May 12, 2017 at 06:50 PM