



# Vernon McGarity

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Vernon McGarity, 91, passed away due to cancer on Tuesday, May 21, 2013, in Memphis, TN. Vernon was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Ethelene McGarity, and his daughter, Sharon McGarity. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Vernon Ray McGarity and Lee McGarity, and his dear friend Dorothy Burns. He never asked to be a hero, but he handled it well. A World War II veteran of the European theater, Vernon was the recipient of ten medals including the Medal of Honor, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and two Belgian medals. His Medal of Honor citation can be found on the Medal of Honor Society's website ([www.cmohs.org](http://www.cmohs.org)). Vernon also served in the TN National Guard for 28 years ending his career with the rank of Lt. Colonel. Additionally for 35 years, Vernon secured benefits for veterans at the Veterans Hospital (Memphis) and with the Veterans Administration (Jackson, TN). Funeral services will be held on Saturday, May 25, 2013, at Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery located at 5668 Poplar, Memphis, TN, 38119. Visitation begins at 1:30 p.m. until service time at 2:30 p.m. Burial with military honors will follow. In lieu of flowers and/or food, the family requests donations to Ronald McDonald House, 535 Alabama, Memphis, TN, 38105. Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Ave. Memphis, TN 38119, (901)767-8930, "Behind the Stone Wall". Location: Woodlawn Arrow Color: Red



## Tribute Wall

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RB

**Robert W. Boatwright** posted:

As a retired US Navy sailor, I wanted to say thank you for your bravery, and thank you for your service to our great nation.

July 7 at 1:29 PM

MH

**Michael. Hutchison** posted:

Did not know this Hero, but I respect him and send my condolences to his wife and loved ones. Michael Hutchison, Sacramento, California.

May 28 at 4:54 PM

WC

**Walter Levdansky Jo Ann Codelka** posted:

The McGarity Family My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Vernon was a great soldier. Vernon and I – Walter R. Levdansky a Staff Sergeant were in the 393rd and 99th infantry together. I remember when he and I were only approx. 1 block away from each other when the fighting and battles began. Our buddy soldier Bob Walter was also in our squad. Bob is living in Ohio. We were all the same age. I would love to speak with someone in Vernon's family if I may. I am married 62 yrs to my wife Irene and 5 children. My contact information is: Walter R. Levdansky phone 412 384 8093 addr: 331 Center Avenue Elizabeth Pa 15037. Many of my war buddies are gone however I often wondered where Vernon lived. I would like to have your phone and address also if you don't mind. God Bless you, Vernon's fellow soldier – Walter R. Levdansky

May 25 at 7:49 AM



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