

Russell Calvin Ernst, 82, of Franklin, passed away Saturday, Sept. 22, 2007.

Born in New York, N.Y., he was the son of the late Baldwin J. and Blanche Ernst.

Russell was a U.S. Army-Air Corps Staff Sergeant during WWII. He was a member of St. Francis Catholic Church. He was a patriotic veteran and loved America; he was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Dolores Agnes Nebot Ernst; nine children, Christopher Ernst of Stoughton, Mass., Adrienne Mosco of Franklin, Dolores Pataky of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., Juliana Burtoff of Selden, N.Y., Russell A. Ernst of Lake Worth, Fla., Rosemary Pumillo of Mattituck, N.Y., Timothy Ernst of Fayetteville, Ga., Baldwin Ernst of Franklin and Matthew Ernst of Oakdale, N.Y.; one brother, Kenneth Warren Ernst of Cheektowaga, N.Y.; 17 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral mass was held Monday, Sept. 24, at 11 a.m., at St. Francis Catholic Church, with Father Matthew Kauth officiating.

Burial will be in the Western Carolina State Veterans Cemetery in Black Mountain.

Memorial donations may be made to Angel Hospice, 170 Church St., Franklin, NC 28734.

Macon Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Online condolences are available by visiting www.maconfuneralhome.com.

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