

EDELEN, DONALD PATRICK entered into eternal rest on March 29, 2010.

Donald was born January 4, 1923 in Bardstown, KY, son of Richard M. and Elizabeth Neale Edelen. Donald graduated from Bardstown High School in 1941. He then worked at the Charleston, Indiana powder plant until entering the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1943.

Donald served in the 12th Air Force, 17th Bomb Group, 432nd Bomb Squadron as an upper turret gunner/radio operator on Martin B-26 medium bombers. He flew 51 missions over Italy, Corsica, Sardinia, France, and Germany. Donald earned six Bronze Stars, an Air Medal with 12 Oak Leaf Clusters, and a distinguished unit citation.

After returning home, he married Lucy Jo Damron in 1946. She preceded him in death, passing in 2006.

Donald was in business until retirement both as a salesman and a business owner. Donald is survived by eight nephews and nieces.

Upon his death, Donald's remains were donated to the University of Louisville School of Medicine. A graveside service is scheduled for the Lebanon National Cemetery in Lebanon, KY, on October 4, 2010 at 11 a.m.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to St. Dominic's Catholic Church, Springfield, KY.

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