

Alfred Funk, 89^v

May 14, 1924 - May 18, 2013

AMHERST, NY — Alfred A. Funk, a retired Buffalo Fire Department division chief and a World War II prisoner of war, died Saturday, May 18, 2013, at his home in Canterbury Woods, Amherst, NY, after a short illness. He was 89.

Alfred was born one of eight children. He left home after high school and worked in the Civilian Conservation Corps in Iowa, then joined one of his brothers, who had found a job in Buffalo, NY. Alfred worked for Trico, then joined the Army and fought in World War II in Europe. He was captured by the Germans during the Battle of the

Bulge in December 1944, and was liberated five months later. Returning from service, Albert worked again for Trico, then began a 38-year career with the Buffalo Fire Department, advancing to division chief. He retired in 1985.

Alfred's wife of 58, years, Betty M. Kain Funk, died in 2004. Survivors include a son, Gary (Barbara) Funk, and two daughters, Carol (Paul) Weber of Williamsville, NY and Susan (James) Taylor of North Carolina; sister, Cecilia Wegner of Woodbine, and brother Francis (Judy) Funk of Portsmouth.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 22, 2013 in the chapel of St. Mary Catholic Church, 6919 Transit Road, Swormville, NY, with Rev. Andrew Kozminski, SAC celebrating. Casket bearers were Gary Funk, Paul Weber, Brian Weber, Kevin Weber, and James Taylor.

