

RALPH M. BABER

Ralph M. Baber, 90, of Craigsville, Nicholas County, WV died Saturday, January 10, 2015 in the Fayette Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Born September 15, 1924 at Craigsville, he was a son of the late Levi and Minnie Rader Baber. He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Deborah Jean Baber, eight sisters, and by two brothers.

He was retired from the Nicholas County Board of Education and was a former Craigsville Little League Baseball Coach.

He was an Army veteran of World War II who served from 1943 to 1945. He served in the Pacific Area of World War II as a combat medic in the 172nd INF Regimental Combat Team of the 43rd INF Division. He was a member of the Craigsville VFW Post 8614 with 48 years of service and served as the District 10 Commander for 8 years. He was awarded the Philippine Liberation Medal, Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Good Conduct, American Campaign, Asiatic Pacific Campaign, World War II Victory and Combat Medic Badge. He was also awarded the Order of the 35th Star presented by Governor Manchin.

Survivors include his wife, Mary L. Mullens Baber; two sons, Jim Baber of Dover, DE and David Baber of Craigsville; three grandchildren, Matthew, Christopher, and Sara; two great grandchildren, Isabelle and River.

Graveside funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 in the Craigsville Cemetery with Military Honors. Interment will follow under the direction of the White Funeral Home at Summersville.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Nicholas County Veterans Memorial Maintenance Fund c/o of Charlie Wilson 185 Tioga Road Craigsville, WV 26205

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.whitefuneralhomewv.com