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Paul E. Froning

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Paul E. Froning, 83, of Decatur, who had been a pitcher for the New York Giants professional baseball farm team, died Saturday, Sept. 21, 2002, at Adams County Hospital.

The New Bremen, Ohio, native was a captain in the U.S. Army during World War II and received a Silver Star and Purple Heart, as well as seven presidential citations. He had worked at Habegger Schafer Co. and Mercer County Elks Club. He was also a member of the VFW, DAV, American Legion Post 43, Knights of Columbus 864 and St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church. Surviving are his wife, Dorothy; a daughter, Judy A. Ehlerding of Preble; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, Decatur. A rosary service will be at 6 p.m. with calling from 4 to 8 p.m., both today at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home, Decatur, where a prayer service will also be held at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday. Graveside rites by Post 43 will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. Memorials are to Alzheimer's Foundation or donor's choice.

Information provided by Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home, Decatur, 1-260-724-7167.

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