



## Andrew Battistello

August 12, 1920 - April 18, 2011

Andrew Battistello, age 90, of Claverack, NY, died at Hospice at the VA Hospital in Albany on Monday, April 18, 2011 after a short illness. He was born in Salcedo, Vicenza, Italy on August 12, 1920, the son of Marco and Lucia Dal Ponte Battistello.

Before retiring in 1982, he had been an ironworker member of Local #12, Albany, NY for 33 years.

Surviving are two daughters, Lucia Battistello Boyce of Rhinebeck, NY and Linda Battistello Erickson of Hudson, NY. He had four grandchildren, Peter and Robby Nack, and Asia and Coulter Myers. Also surviving are two sisters, Lucia Grater of Claverack and Agnes Battistello of Hudson. He was predeceased by his brother and three sisters, Anthony Battistello, Gina Zanetti, Maria Sartori, and Ortensia Poletto Fabiano.

He was a veteran of World War II from 1940-1945, and served in the Central and South Pacific as a member of 3rd Btn 106 Infantry 27th Division. He fought against the Japanese for the islands of Eniwetok, Saipan, and Okinawa. He was discharged in October 1945 as a Sergeant, and received the Combat Infantry badge along with three combat battle stars as well as other citations.

He was a life member of Post 1314 V.F.W., Hudson, and the Elks Post 787 Hudson, and the 27th Division Association, Syracuse, NY.

Services will be held at 3 pm Wednesday at the Bates and Anderson Funeral Home. Calling hours will be 12 - 3 pm Wednesday. Burial will be in Cedar Park Cemetery, Hudson.