

CPL Theodore C. Tellekson Jr.

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BROTHERS FROM OSHKOSH ARE TEAMED AS PLANE REPAIR CREW

An Eighth A. A. F. Bomber Station, England— (Special) — Two Oshkosh brothers Corps. Theodore C. Tellekson, 21, and Merle W. Tellekson, 20, are airplane mechanics at this Eighth A. A. F. B-17 Flying Fortress station in England. The Tellekson brothers help in the repair and maintenance work on their Fortress.

Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore C. Tellekson of 55 Mill street, Oshkosh, Wis., the A. A. F. mechanics were inducted into the armed forces in January, 1943, and have been together ever since. Theodore was a machine operator for the Modern Materials Company prior to his induction, and Merle was employed at the Oshkosh Marine Supply before he donned the uniform of Uncle Sam. They both graduated from the Oshkosh High school; Theodore in June, 1941, and Merle in June, 1942.

Cpl. Theodore C. Tellekson Jr., 55 Mill street, was with the 710th bombing squadron of the 447th bombing group as an airplane mechanic and won the good conduct medal, European-African-Middle Eastern theater service ribbon with six bronze battle stars. He was inducted Jan. 28, 1943.

Tellekson, Theodore "Ted"

Theodore "Ted" Tellekson, 94, peacefully passed away on Monday, August 21, 2017 at Rennes Health and Rehab.

Ted was born April 22, 1923 in Watertown, SD, to the late Theodore C. and Ruth (Buchholz) Tellekson Sr. He was baptized



August 19, 1928 at Grace Lutheran Church, Watertown, SD and confirmed on March 21, 1937 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Oshkosh. On May 28, 1949 married Elaine Krueger at Trinity Lutheran Church in Oshkosh. In 1953, they moved to Wausau and have resided there ever since. They were married 66 years before her passing in 2016.

Ted served in the 8th Army Air Force from 1943 to 1945 and was stationed in England.

He worked for Monroe Business Systems for 40 years before retiring in 1985. Over Ted's many years in Wausau, he served on the Wausau City Council and Marathon County Board and was the vice-chairman and chairman of the County Board. He was a proud member of Montgomery Plant Post #10 of the American Legion and the Lutheran Layman League. As a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Wausau, Ted served on many boards, as an elder and as president of the congregation.

Ted deeply loved his family and loved being with people and having a good conversation. There was not a single person that he could not sit down with and enjoy their company. In his free time, Ted enjoyed shopping, going to the casino, reading and pastoral visits.

Survivors include his two sons, Jim (Deb) of Wisconsin Rapids, Mike (Betty) of Weston, four grandchildren, Shawn (Jenny) Tellekson of Merrill, Jody (Jason) Butterfield of Weston, Kristin (Nick) Larsen of Waconia, MN and Jason Tellekson of Wisconsin Rapids, six great grandchildren, Hailley, Landon, Jordan, Keira, Kaylin and Brecken; sister, Margaret Ashworth of Rochester, MN; brother, Richard Tellekson of Ripon and extended family and friends. He is preceded in death by his brothers, Merle and Robert; and sister, Jean Krueger.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m., Friday, August 25, 2017 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 501 Stewart Ave., Wausau. Reverend Zach Holdorf will officiate. Burial will be in Restlawn Memorial Park. Visitation will be from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., Thursday, August 24, 2017 at the Helke Funeral Home, 302 Spruce St., Wausau and at the church on Thursday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of services. You may sign our family guest book at helke.com.

Memorials may be directed to Trinity Lutheran School, 510 Stewart Ave, Wausau.

The family would like to thank the caring staff at Rennes Health and Rehab Center for their compassionate care.

OSHKOSH BROTHERS SEPARATED AFTER LONG SERVICE PERIOD TOGETHER

Two Oshkosh brothers, in service with the same unit since their entry into the service together, were separated in England recently, according to information brought directly and unexpectedly by Corp. Merle Tellekson, when he arrived at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Tellekson, 55 Mill street, to spend several days.

The surprise of seeing the son alone was soon relieved when Corporal Tellekson explained that he had been selected as one of six from a group of 100 taken from overseas duty and sent back to the states for training at West Point. The young soldier will leave Sunday for La Follett Prep school at Easton, Pa., where he will be located until next spring when he will go to West Point.

Both mechanics in a ground crew of the Eighth air force, Corporal Tellekson and his brother, Corp. Theodore Tellekson, entered the service Jan. 6, 1943 and received training together at Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss., and the Boeing aircraft school at Seattle, Wash. They arrived overseas Dec. 15, 1943. Both are holders of the overseas ribbon and presidential citation, the latter of which was awarded all members of the unit for outstanding performance of duty. Promotions to the grade of corporal were received by the brothers on the day their squadron completed its 100th mission.

England, to Corporal Merle Tellekson, is 50 years behind though he said the English people are very hospitable to the American soldiers.

The Tellekson brothers are both honor graduates of Oshkosh High school. Prior to entering the service Merle attended classes in NYA at Oshkosh Vocational school and was employed for a time at the marine supply shop.