

LTC Frank J. Kloiber

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CAPT. FRANK KLOIBER IS WOUNDED IN ACTION

Word has been received here by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kloiber, 1329 Sixth street, that their son, Capt. Frank J. Kloiber, was slightly wounded in action in France, Feb. 17. The war department message was received by his wife, who resides at Lake Mills, Wis., earlier this month.

Captain Kloiber who served with an infantry unit, entered service in August, 1942, and went overseas in December, 1944. He attended Oshkosh High school and Oshkosh State Teachers college. While a student here he was active in football and basketball, playing on the varsity teams. He was a pitcher for the 8500 Cab baseball team also. Prior to entering service he was teaching school at Brussels, Wis.

Frank J. Kloiber

Frank J. Kloiber, 89, of Fort Atkinson, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, June 25, 2004, at Fort Memorial Hospital.

He was born to Albert and Anna (Trem) Kloiber on Aug. 3, 1914, in Oshkosh. He graduated from Sacred Heart High School in 1927, and was the first member of his family to attend and graduate from college, earning his degree from the Oshkosh State Teachers College.

Frank enjoyed and excelled at athletics, and was a member of OSTC's 1935 championship football team.

College is also where he met his eventual wife of 52 years, Viola A. Stockfish of Lake Mills, who was employed as the administrative assistant to the OSTC president.

He was a member and pitcher on some excellent Oshkosh baseball teams in the 1930s, and the Oshkosh Cabs won the state semi-pro championship in 1941.

Frank and Vi were married in 1942 and shortly thereafter he joined the U.S. Army and earned an assignment to Officers Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga. Frank was an officer with the 70th Infantry Division, and served in France and Germany in 1944 and 1945.

After the war, Frank returned to Wisconsin and accepted a teaching position at Fort Atkinson Senior High School, where he also coached the baseball team and assisted with the football team.

In 1948 he left teaching and started a 34-year career as a salesman of school supplies for Milton Bradley, then Wisconsin School Service, and ended his career with the Beckley-Cardy Co.

Frank's second career was

the Wisconsin National Guard. He started and organized Fort's first Guard Unit., an infantry company, in 1947 and over the next 20 years he attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and held increasing levels of responsibility within the 32nd Division. During the Berlin crisis of 1961, he was with his 272nd Transportation Battalion at Fort Lewis, Wash. He retired from the Guard in 1977.

Frank had been an active member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, having served as president of the church council and member of the Knights of Columbus. He also has been a long-time member of the American Legion Post and the Lions Club.

Frank is survived by three sons, Joe (Julio) of Shorewood; Jim (Stephanie Wagoner) of Delaware, Ohio, and Tom (Mary Ellen) of Sheboygan. Frank really enjoyed his three sons and their families, which include 14 grandchildren.

Frank, as the youngest of five children, was preceded in death by a brother, Albert, and sisters, Mary Radley, Anne Graska and Adeline Ziebell, all of Oshkosh. His loving wife Viola passed away in 1994.

The family will receive friends at the Nitardy Funeral Home in Fort Atkinson on Wednesday, June 30, from 5 to 8 p.m.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Joseph's Catholic Church at Fort Atkinson on Thursday, July 1, at 11 a.m., with the Rev. Bin Nolan officiating. The Mass was preceded by a visitation starting at 10 a.m.

If desired, the family requests that in lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or the St. Joseph's Building Fund in Dad's memory.

Frank J. Kloiber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kloiber, 1329 Sixth street, was promoted Aug. 4 from first lieutenant to captain. Captain Kloiber is located with the infantry at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

The Frank Joseph Kloiber, announced last evening as receiving a promotion from second to first lieutenant is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kloiber, 1329 Sixth street. Lieutenant Kloiber, who went into the service in August of 1942, is now stationed at Camp Adair, Corvallis, Ore. His wife is the former Miss Viola Stockfish of this city.

