

ME1 Robert F. Wagner

Location - West-N: R22, C21

SF/1 Robert F. Wagner, 1103 Fifth street, had been in service since Jan. 4, 1941. He was awarded the victory ribbon, good conduct medal, ETO ribbon, American area ribbon and the American defense ribbon.

Robert Frank Wagner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wagner, 1103 Fifth street, has passed an examination for petty officer and is rated as shipfitter third class. He entered the navy Jan. 6, 1941, attending the machinist school at Dearborn, Mich., before being assigned to sea duty. He was stationed for a time in Iceland and was on convoy duty at the time of the Reuben James and Kearney incidents.

SF/2 Robert F. Wagner, 22, of 1103 Fifth street, is serving aboard the USS Devastator, a 220-foot minecraft scheduled to go to Japanese coastal waters for sweeping operations soon. The ship earned the unusual nickname of "Mattress Minesweeper" last April off Okinawa when a kamikaze plane tore a jagged hole in her port bow at the water line. A speedy job of shifting ballast to starboard allowed crew members to go over the side to port and stuff a navy issue mattress into the hole and secure it with lashings. This temporary repair job kept her afloat and she bagged three Jap planes during the operation.



TOGETHER AGAIN—Metalsmith 1/c Robert F. Wagner greets his wife and children, Patricia, 4, and Michael, 2, upon their arrival in Hawaii. Mrs. Wagner is the former Irna Mitchell of Waukegan, Ill. Wagner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wagner, 1103 Fifth street, is serving aboard the submarine floating drydock USS Ard 29, with the Pacific fleet. (Official U. S. navy photo)

Robert “Bob” F. Wagner

INGLESIDE - Robert “Bob” F. Wagner, 96, of Ingleside, IL passed away on September 6, 2019.

Bob was raised in Oshkosh, WI and graduated from Sacred Heart School and attended Oshkosh High School. He came to Lake County, IL when he joined the Navy at the age of 17 and served in WWII and the Korean Conflict.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years Martha nee Grosnick; children Patricia (William) Vasilus of Gurnee, IL, Michael (Becky) Wagner of Pittsburgh, PA, Frank (Carolynn) Wagner of Beach Park, IL and Joseph (Chris) Wagner of Grayslake, IL ; grandchildren Kevin, Farrell, Kimberly, Josh and Shaunna; great-grandchildren Cadence, Sydnie and Wesley.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Irna nee Mitchell and his siblings Leonard Wagner, Donald Wagner and Rose Marie Esslinger.