



Robert Frank Augur
April 18, 1910 - March 5, 2000



In Loving Memory of

Robert Frank Augur

April 18, 1910

March 5, 2000

Meriden, Connecticut

Milwaukie, Oregon

Military Service

Friday, March 10, 2000 at 1:00pm

Willamette National Cemetery

Officiating

Dr. Joe Ryan

Taps By

Glen Truman - Bob's Nephew

Flag Presentation By

Fort Lewis Army Base

Military Honors By

VFW Post #4248 Sellwood Breakthrough

Memorial Service & Time Of Fellowship

Following At 2:00pm In The

Rose Villa Fellowship Hall

13505 SE River Road - Milwaukie

World War II hero Robert F. Augur dies

The artillery officer won the Distinguished Service Cross for heroic acts during the siege at Corregidor

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Robert Frank Augur, one of Oregon's earliest decorated World War II heroes, died Sunday, March 5, 2000, in Milwaukie at age 89.

Mr. Augur earned the Distinguished Service Cross during the early 1942 siege at Corregidor in the Philippines.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, March 10, at the Rose Villa Fellowship Hall in Milwaukie. A military salute will accompany the interment in Willamette National Cemetery at 1 p.m., an hour before the service.

Mr. Augur was born April 18, 1910, in Meriden, Conn., and moved to Portland in 1924. He graduated from Benson Polytechnic School, now Benson High School, then joined the U.S. Army's reserve officers program.

He was sent to the Philippines in January 1941. He was commanding an artillery battery on Corregidor, an island near Bataan, when Japanese forces invaded the Philippines in December 1941.

On April 14, 1942, while Americans and Filipinos were holding

the island, Lt. Augur ran from his cover to rescue wounded comrades exposed to artillery fire. He returned to fight a fire that was burning near an ammunition dump.

During the action, he was hit in the left knee by shell fragments. The leg was amputated in a tunnel hospital on Corregidor three days later.

He was presented with the Distinguished Service Cross by the island commander, Lt. Gen. Jonathan Wainwright, shortly before the island fell on May 6, 1942. The award was one of the first given to an American soldier during the war.

"The unselfish courage of this intrepid officer in the face of terrific hazards resulted in saving the lives of several of his men," Wainwright wrote on the citation.

He was taken prisoner and instead of being part of the infamous Bataan Death March, he was taken to Old Bilibid prison for the rest of the war. The prison was liberated Feb. 5, 1945.

After the war Mr. Augur married Anna Andersen. She died in 1995. He worked as a freight agent for Bower Trucking Co. in Vancouver, Wash.

He is survived by his sisters, Hazel Ladd, Ruth Truman and Dorothy Patterson; and 15 nieces and nephews.

Wilhelm Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.





Gravesite of Robert Augur and wife, Anna, in the Field of Honor, Willamette National Cemetery on Mt. Scott in southeast Portland, Oregon. The cemetery is a little over a mile from the home Bob and Ann built on Roethe Road in Milwaukie.

