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John Anthony Maletta, age 95 of Johnston, Iowa, formerly of Centerville and Mystic, died Monday morning, October 28, 2013 at Bishop Drumm Retirement Center, Johnston, Iowa.

He was born June 13, 1918 to John Maletta and Mary Guzzi Maletta in Clarkdale, IA. John's career included working in the coal mines, construction and retiring after many years from Union Carbide in Centerville, IA. He was a distinguished WWII veteran in the 634th Tank Destroyer Battalion, landing at Normandy on D-Day plus two. He served his country in Europe until the war ended. He was a member of the Mystic American Legion. John married Ida Louise Kruzich in Mystic, IA on December 29, 1945. Together they raised a daughter and two sons in Mystic. Well respected and beloved in his community and Mystic's St. Francis parish, he served his community on the city council for 30 years and the parish council at St. Francis for many years. He was involved in many church committees including the Catholic State Council. He enjoyed an active involvement as a member of the Knights of Columbus and the friendships made at the 18-80 Club in Centerville. After St. Francis Catholic Church was closed, John became an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Centerville. Growing up in a large family, John valued strong family bonds and was a loving and proud husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. John was preceded in death by his parents, his son Thomas, and five brothers; Joseph, Mike, Tony, Robert and Louis and sisters, Elsie Pontious, Ethel Laurson and Mary Raney. He is survived by his wife, Ida, his daughter, Suzanne (Jim) Roth, Ankeny, and son John (Luann) of Des Moines and his sister, Lorraine (Adrian) Ramos of Centerville.

John loved and will also be greatly missed by his grandchildren; Michael (Jennifer) Roth, Sioux Falls, SD, Rachel (Matt) Williams, Grimes, Abigail (Matt) Hollenbeck, Conshohocken, PA, Kate (Jake) Ketzner, Clive, Nick Maletta, Waukegan, and Sara



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Maletta (fiancAC. Glen Eikenberry) of Warrenville, IL, as well as three great grandchildren, Noah Roth, Leighton Hollenbeck and Thalia Hollenbeck. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 AM, Thursday, October 31, 2013 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Centerville with Father Bill Hubmann officiating. Burial with military rites will follow in the Oakland Cemetery, Centerville. A visitation will be held Wednesday at Lange Funeral Home and Crematory in Centerville from 1-8 PM, with the family present from 6-8 PM. A rosary will be held at 7:45 PM. Memorials have been established to St. Mary's Catholic Church and may be given to Lange Funeral Home and Crematory, 1900 S. 18th St., Centerville, Iowa, 52544. Condolences may be shared online at www.langefh.com.

Visitation

October 23, 2013 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Lange Funeral Home 1900 S. 18th St. Centerville, IA (641) 856-2000

Mass of Christian Burial

October 24, 2013 10:30 AM

St.Mary's Catholic Church 838 S. 18th St. Centerville, IA (641) 437-1984

Rosary

October 23, 2013 7:45 PM

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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 1:21 PM



Thomas Funeral Home shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 13 at 12:48 PM



Anonymous posted:

Did not know you very well , but I remember very well, my Bills grandparents took our whole immediate Bills family out to eat every sunday.They invited and took your brother Mick with us every sunday,and I just wanted to thank you for fighting for me and my daughters family and for our country's future in the war you fought for us,I pray to god to forgive you for what lives you were force to take to save countless others in your bravery keep you in his kingdom for ever more.Rest in peace Hero. Posted by Travis Bills - mystic, IA - friend of family March 15, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Ida and Family, just read of Cousin Johns passing. We send our Condolences and Prayers for all of you. We came to many Class Reunions in Mystic and I always looked forward to seeing and talking with John. He always had stories to tell me about my Family. He was so patient , kind and loving. He was so proud of and greatly Loved his Family. I will greatly miss him as all who know him, will. Love to you all. Dixie & John Posted by Dixie Mallett-Lamantia - John Lamantia - Solon, IA - 3rd Cousin November 02, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My thoughts & prayers are with your family. Posted by Angela D Wilson (Guzzi) - Urbandale, IA October 31, 2013

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Anonymous posted:

Aunt Ida, Suzie, John and family's, I was saddened to hear of Uncle Johnny's passing. He will be missed by all. It was so good to see him when I was home. I am sorry that I will not be able to make it back for the funeral but know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. All our love Gary & Antionette
Posted by Antoinette McCloud October 30, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am very sorry to hear about the loss of Uncle Johnny. Aunt Ida, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Posted by Linda Tate Timmers - Grand Rapids, MI - Great Neice October 30, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My thoughts are with you and your family-Gina Crane Posted by A friend October 30, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We are saddened to hear of Uncle Johnny's passing, and are thinking of all of you during this time . I have many fond memories of Uncle Johnny and our visits to Iowa during my childhood. He was a very special person. Posted by Becky Sippel - Plymouth, MN - Great-niece October 29, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Aunt Ida, Susie and Jim, John and Luann and all the family, Please know of my love and prayers. (I am in New York right now and was unable to get my ticket changed to make it back for the funeral). I will be holding all in prayer) Rita Posted by Rita Ramos - Omaha, NE - Niece October 29, 2013

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Anonymous posted:

from your great nephew (Gene) Owens and family. Sending prayers to all. May our Dear Lord lift you up and hold you with his love and tenderness. God Bless and so sorry for your loss. Posted by Chuck (Gene)Owens Family - Huntsville, AL - Great Nephew October 29, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Uncle John will be missed by all that loved him, myself included. We all luv you Posted by Holly Maletta-Salas - burleson, TX - great- niece October 29, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I'm so sorry to hear of Uncle Johnny's passing. He was always so kind to me. My prayers are with all of you. Lois Posted by Lois Maletta Stewart - Arlington, TX - Clyde's ex wife October 29, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Uncle Johnny has a special place in my heart and my memories of family in Centerville are cherished. Uncle Johnny and Aunt Ida have always made me feel loved and welcome. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Love to all. Joan Posted by Joan Pierson - Newark, DE - Uncle Johnny is my great-uncle October 29, 2013

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Media

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