

# William C. Dolce

Dec. 8, 1918 – March 12, 2015



Of Tonawanda, entered into rest March 12, 2015. Beloved husband of Angeline (nee Monte) Dolce; devoted father of Monte W. Sr. (Karen) Dolce, Paul M. (Amy) Dolce and Anita L. (Craig) Hathaway; cherished grandfather of eight grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren; loving son of the late Joseph and Frances Dolce; dear brother of the late Mildred (late Joseph) Villafranca, Joseph (late Mary) Dolce and Anthony (Ruth) Dolce; also survived by relatives and friends.

Relatives and friends may visit the LOMBARDO FUNERAL HOME (Northtowns Chapel) 885 Niagara Falls Blvd. near Eggert/Sheridan Dr on **Sunday from 4-8 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Christopher's Church, 2660 Niagara Falls Blvd., Tonawanda on Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock. (Please assemble at church). Entombment Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Flowers gratefully declined.**

A decorated Army veteran and retired employee of the state Department of Labor, he passed on Thursday at Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Buffalo after a short illness. He was 96.

Born in Silver Creek, he graduated from Silver Creek High School and Chown School of Business.

During World War II, he participated in the invasion of Normandy. He received the Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal, 20-year Army Reserve Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, State of New York Conspicuous Service Medal and the New York State Conspicuous Service Star.

On June 29, 2007, Mr. Dolce was awarded the “*Chevalier De La Legion D’Honneur*”, which is the highest award given by the French government for the liberation of the French people. He retired from the Army in 1976.

Mr. Dolce served as a veteran representative with the state Department of Labor from 1945 to 1981.

He was a member of the Military Officers Association of Western New York and the Reserve Officers Association of the United States, serving two terms as president for both organizations. He also belonged to the New York State Public Employees Association, Civil Service Employees Association, Warrant Association of America Officers and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He and his wife Angeline were married for 72 years.