## **OBITUARY**

Francis X. Banville, 87, of Hackettstown, died Wednesday, March 6, 2013, at Hackettstown Regional Medical Center of Hackettstown.

Francis was born Jan. 25, 1926, in New York City. He is the son of the late Francis Xavier and the late Anna Margaret (Flynn) Banville. He was married to Pauline Banville for 29 years. Previously, Frank was married to the late Frances Theresa (Stalker) Banville. He also is predeceased by his son, Kenneth Banville; and brother, Robert Banville

He served in the <u>Army</u> during <u>World War II</u> from 1944 to 1946. He was employed by Picatinny Arsenal, Wharton, as an accountant.

Francis was a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church of the Assumption in Hackettstown. He also was a Fourth Degree Knight of the Knights of Columbus, Seneca, SC, a member of the <u>VFW</u> and American Legion in both the Branchville and Hackettstown. Frank enjoyed gardening, but his hobby and passion was as a pigeon fancier. He owned, bred and showed fancy and sporting breeds for more than 60 years.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline (Chapleau) Banville; one son, Richard Banville; one daughter; Nancy Ann Ross and her husband, David; two stepsons, Wain Harrison and Dean Harrison; two stepdaughters, Janice Ferguson and husband, Alex, and Lynn Harrison; one sister, Janet Gokey; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

All funeral services are private. A memorial Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 12, at St. Mary's Church of The Assumption, 305 High St., Hackettstown.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to <u>St. Jude Children's Research Hospital</u>, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN, 38105.



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