

SFC (Ret) Lurty B. 'Frank' Armentrout

Sept. 11, 1919 - July 9, 2001

Funeral for retired Sgt. 1st Class Lurty B. "Frank" Armentrout, 81, Lawton, will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Becker Funeral Home Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Montie Jones, pastor, Lawton Heights United Methodist Church, officiating. Mr. Armentrout died Monday, July 9, 2001, at a local hospital. Burial with military honors will be at Post Cemetery, Fort Sill.

He was born September 11, 1919, in Linville, Va., to L.D. and Florence Armentrout. He was inducted into the Army in 1943. He was trained in the infantry and spent his first years in Africa and Italy. He received severe head, shoulder and hip injuries during active combat in Africa when his unit suffered an artillery barrage. After recovering, he was assigned to duties in Korea, Trieste, Italy, Japan and the U.S. Later in his 30-year career he served in France and Vietnam. He married Nellie Fitzgerald on Nov. 16, 1960, in Lawton. She died in 1994. He was a member of American Legion Post 193, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans, Purple Heart Association, 40-8 Honor Society, 36th Infantry Division Association and the LaSill Optimist Club.

Survivors include his daughter, Marcia Momorella, Fairfax, Va.; two grandsons: Tony Momorella, Stafford, Va.; and Steven Momorella, Ann Arbor, Mich.; a brother, Liggett Armentrout, Antelope, Calif.; a brother-in-law, Cecil Fitzgerald, Lawton; two sisters-in-law: Esther Hodges, and Delsia Brown, both of Lawton; and many nephews, nieces and cousins. Memorial contributions may be made to American Legion Post 193, P.O. Box 33116, Fort Sill 73503. Sympathy cards may be sent to the family at www.beckerfuneral.com.