

William Edward Ventrelli

EASTHAM — William Edward Ventrelli of Eastham died on March 31, 2010, in Brewster.

"Eddie" was born on June 6, 1916, in New York City. He was the beloved husband of Arleen (Rinschler) for 61 happy years. He is survived by his daughter Graceann V. Hattar of White Plains, N.Y., and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Mr. Ventrelli served in the Second World War as a sergeant in the 29th Field Artillery Battalion, 4th Division. He was a decorated veteran, having received the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. He spent his 28th birthday on Utah Beach in Normandy as part of the second wave in the D-Day invasion.

He lived in Mount Vernon, N.Y., until moving to Eastham in 1982. In Eastham he made many friends and was active in the Eastham United Methodist Church. His hobbies included reading, collecting stamps and coins, going to antique and yard sales and following the stock market. Eddie was a very generous man with a wonderful energetic and generous nature, who made many friends throughout his life. He will be missed by all those fortunate enough to have known him.

A memorial service will be celebrated on Saturday, April 24, at 1 p.m. at Eastham United Methodist Church. The funeral will be private at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Scholarship Fund, Eastham United Methodist Church, Route 6, Eastham, MA 02642.