



## William Cornelious Choate

September 5, 1925 - April 22, 2009

William C. Choate

Frankfort- William C. Choate, 83 yrs., passed away on Wednesday, April 22, 2009, at the Golden Living Center Nursing Home in Frankfort.

A native of Franklin County, KY, he was born September 5, 1925. Mr. Choate was the youngest child of Lewis Garrett Choate and Nellie Choate. He was predeceased by two brothers, Douglas and Charles Choate, and a sister, Marie Choate Storey.

He was married in 1954 to the late Tressa Barnett Murray Choate, who passed away in 1997. They had one son, William G. "Willy" Choate, and a granddaughter, Jessica Choate Thurman; great grandsons, Timothy Choate and Justin Thurman. He also raised 3 stepchildren, Roy Murray (deceased), and James Murray and Donna Marcum, both of Tennessee. He had many step grandchildren and step great grandchildren.

Mr. Choate was drafted in the Army on November 22, 1943, while a Senior at Bridgeport High School and later received his diploma while serving his country. He was a Combat Engineer with the 279th Battalion, Company C. He served in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. He saw action on Omaha Beach, cleared mine fields during the fighting at the Battle of the Bulge, as

well as the last days in the Battle for Munich. As a Combat Engineer, he was constantly in danger of enemy fire, working with very little cover, he and his unit cleared mines, built bridges and constructed structures for the Army. During the winter of 1945, he suffered severe frostbite to both feet and legs and nearly lost both feet. He spent 8 months in a hospital in England recovering before returning home in 1946 as a T-5 Corporal with an Honorable Discharge.

A member of Evergreen Baptist Church, he spent his career as a carpenter and built many homes and buildings in and around Frankfort. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Flowers are welcome, but expressions of sympathy may be made to Hospice of the Bluegrass, 208 Steele Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

Services will be conducted graveside at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Woodford County, at 2:00 p.m. Monday, April 27, 2009. Rev. Vernon Carpenter will officiate. Burial will follow at the Sunset Memorial Gardens. Military honors will be observed graveside by members of VFW 4075. Visitation will be 11:00 a.m. " 1:00 p.m. Monday, April 27, 2009, at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be family and friends.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home; condolences may be shared via the online guest book at [www.harrodbrothersfuneralhome.com](http://www.harrodbrothersfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *William Cornelious Choate*

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“ *I am very sorry for your loss. I did not personally know Mr. Choate , however I believe he was the brother to a man that my dad Ben Willhoite Sr. Purchased property from a very long time ago which is now known as Choatville. I have always been told very good things about the Choat family. I know what it is to have lost bothe my parents and no matter your age it still hurts the same. May God Bless you and keep you.*

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**Trena Willhoite Curtis** - May 04, 2009 at 08:46 AM



“ *Willie, I am sorry to hear of the loss of your Dad. I will always have great memories of he and your Mom. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.*

*Joyce*

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**Joyce Cook** - April 28, 2009 at 04:54 AM