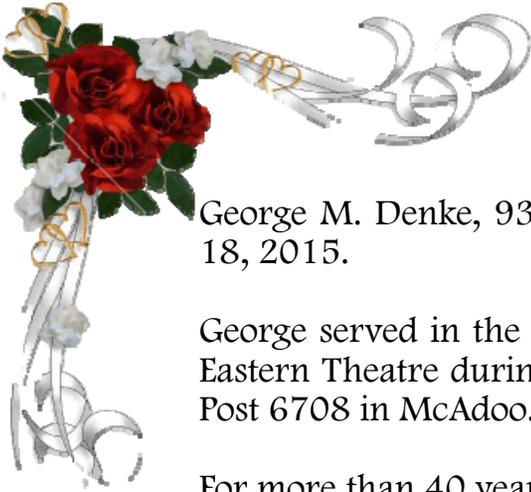


GEORGE DENKE
1922—2015



George M. Denke, 93, of Drums, Pennsylvania, passed away on October 18, 2015.

George served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps, participating in the Middle Eastern Theatre during World War II and was a life member of the VFW Post 6708 in McAdoo.

For more than 40 years, he worked as a sales representative for Amoco Oil Company and was recognized as an honorary retired member of Teamsters International. He also served as President of the Drums Lion Club several times during a 50-year period.

Since 1955, George has been the cornerstone of longevity for the Middle Atlantic Regional Babe Ruth League program, having served as District 4 Commissioner for more than 30 years in a career that ranged from team manager to State Commissioner. He was the first member of the Pennsylvania Babe Ruth Hall of Fame and the sixth person to be inducted into the Middle Atlantic Hall of Fame.

He was instrumental in starting the Valley Babe Ruth League, which was the first Babe Ruth League in District 4 and one of the first leagues in Pennsylvania. Of the inaugural Hall of Fame class, George has the longest time of service. Manager of Valley Babe Ruth 13-15 teams in 1963 and 1964, the 1963 team won a state championship, and the 1964 team was a runner-up.

