

Local World War II Vet, Gone but Not Forgotten



Harvey Possinger from the Stroudsburg area earned five purple hearts as a machine gunner in world war two. With twenty eight medals, he was the second most decorated living World War II veteran until his death last week.

Tuesday night, family and friends gathered for the viewing of the man they call their "hero. Despite his death, they insist his is not over until they get one more medal, they say Harvey deserved. As people gathered at the Thomas Funeral in Stroudsburg Tuesday night, many told us how much they will miss Harvey Possinger and how much he meant to people here in Monroe County. "This is a monumental loss to the community, to the veterans, he was such a hero," said John Byrnes from Bushkill.

We talked with Harvey Possinger earlier this year, as he was fighting to get one honor he earned For saving the lives of a number of men during world war two. General Macarthur promised him the Congressional Medal of Honor, but he never got it. He said his paperwork got lost in a fire. "I was extremely disappointed as a lot of other people were that he didn't get the medal he should have got which was the medal of honor, he deserved it," said Marvin Hammond from East Stroudsburg.

Possinger's family says he will sadly be missed - as a man who loved them, and as country. "He saved many lives during the war and he didn't ask for anything in return. He did it out of the kindness of his heart," said Barbara Labar, a relative. His family and his fellow veterans just hope the government finds it in their hearts to give Possinger the medal he so deserves, even after his death.

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