

Andrew J. Foray  
(Andy)

Born: Early Sunday A.M.-August 3, 1924  
Place: Bellevue Hospital in New York City, NY  
To: Andrew Foray and Lillian Johnson

Lived, Educated, played mostly baseball until age 18 1/2 when drafted (conscription prevailed) in to the U.S. Army of early March 1943.

Trained in Springfield, MO to be a surgical technician and was assigned to the 39th Field Hospital. The unit was organized and trained in Peoria, Ill, Charleston, NC, and Columbia, SC, before being placed in England, prior to landing on Omaha (Normandy Beach) on June 9, 1944. The English Channel storm finally stopped, so fresh troops and supplies on ships hit the docks.

After performing in Belgium, Holland, Luxemburg, and Germany, went back to USA, (NYC Harbor) on December 24, 1945. Discharged from the army on December 29th, 1945.

Left New York City for Chicago, Ill, to study aeronautical engineering and graduated in January 1949.

Married Helen Dekan on February 26, 1949. The family was blessed with seven healthy children, who now are adults and have families of their own. At present time there is five generations living across the USA from the states of Washington, Tennessee, Illinois, Oklahoma, Florida, and Bellevue, NE.

Andy became a Permanent Deacon in the Catholic Church (ordained in Chicago in 1976) but is currently assigned to St. Mary's Church here in Bellevue. He resides in Harmony Court.

At 64 years of marriage to Helen, Andy became a widow. At age of 93+, he became the owner of a new hip joint.

Of Importance to Bellevue: Andy brought his army unit to Bellevue in September 2001 for a reunion, possibly the only army unit to come here. Andy is currently one of the last 2 survivors of the 39th Field Hospital.