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RITES SET FOR Frank Elmore



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Funeral services for T-Sgt. Frank S. Elmore, who was twice wounded and twice decorated for bravery before he was killed in action on September 28, 1944, in Italy, will be held at the Methodist church here Saturday afternoon.

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The Rev. George M. Curry will officiate at rites, beginning at 2 p. m.. for the Hinton war hero, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Elmore of James street. Burial will be made in Hilltop cemetery, with graveside services conducted by American Legion Post No. 6.

The body was returned here today from its European grave. Sgt. Elmore was born Jan. 23, 1921, and prior to the outbreak of World War II, lived all his life in Hinton. He entered the service on Aug. 6, 1942, was assigned to the 88th Infantry Division, and left for overseas duty in Nov. 1943. He was first assigned to the North African theatre of war and was later transferred to Italy.

Sgt. Elmore was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action and an Oak Leaf Cluster when he was injured in action a second time. He held the Combat Infantryman's Badge. He served with the 350th Infantry Regiment, a unit which paced Gen. Mark Clark's Fifth Army smash northward in Italy. The entire division to which Sgt. Elmore was attached has been commended for participation in important actions.

He was the 39th Summers county man to be killed in action in World War II.

Surviving, besides his parents, is his widow, Mrs. Alice Payne Elmore of Huntington, and two brothers, George D. Elmore and Teddy Elmore of Hinton.

'Active pallbearers named for the services Saturday are J. T. (Bus) Wallace, Steve Hanifin, Jack Lawrence, Wilbur Ewing and Herbert Vass.

Honorary pallbearers will be Fred Huddleston, William Stone, Ward Charlton, Ralph Vass, Jack Harford, Gerald Tyree, Colby S. Weaver, jr., Robert E. Smith, Charles Osborne, Billy Bob Connor, Paul Phillips. Charles Starbuck, Jimmy Baylor and Joe Lipscomb.

The Barnette Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.