



**103d Infantry Division (Cactus)
Company C, 409th Infantry Regiment**



Sgt. George Raymond Scott

George served in the 103d Infantry Division (Cactus) fighting the 500 mile "Cactus Route" through France, Germany, Austria with some brief incursions into Italy. He earned a Purple Heart for injuries sustained in France.



George had several memories of his experiences in World War II. Among them was after when the 103d Infantry Division had liberated the Kaufering Concentration Camp, which was a sub-camp of the infamous Dachau facility. George went back to Kaufering and spent the night in the facility seeing first-hand the horrific treatment of the Jewish people by the Nazis. He also remembers seeing the Messerschmidt ME-262 Swallow, the world's first jet-powered aircraft being made by slave labor in a factory carved into a hillside.

Later, when the 103d entered the city of Innsbruck, George recalled that the mayor of Innsbruck Austria was given the choice of surrendering the Nazis or having his city leveled. His choice showed loyalty to his citizens as he gave up the Nazis. George rode into Innsbruck on top of the second tank to a warm welcome from the locals. As his unit approached Innsbruck they saw two planes streak into the distance. George figured that the Nazis had a fleeting moment of bravado when they thought they would attack, but after they saw the 103d Infantry Division coming, they high tailed it. After Innsbruck was occupied he went to the local airstrip where several of the Swallows were on the tarmac. The wiring had been stripped so that they were inoperable but he sat in the cockpit.



Born on February 22, 1923 in Indianapolis, George grew up in Irvington, Indiana, located on the east side of Indianapolis. There, he met the love of his life, Jerrie, to whom he was married for 65 years until her death in 2010.

George and Jerrie were married at Camp Howze, Gainesville, Texas, during World War II, prior to him going overseas.

George was a 1940 graduate of Arsenal Technical High School. At Tech, he developed his love for mathematics and science.

He was selected for the prestigious Army Specialized Training Program and attended at the University of Oklahoma until that program was cancelled by the War Department and all participants were assigned to combat units. George was assigned to Company C, 409th Infantry Regiment, 103d Infantry Division (Cactus) which was then stationed at Camp Howze, Texas. George attended Cactus Patch reunions and remained active in their group until his death.



After the war, George attended Indiana and Purdue universities. For 32 years, George worked at Naval Avionics Center, Indianapolis, as an electronics scientist, primarily designing radar for naval aircraft. He became an avid computer programmer as the field developed, consulting in programming and software development after his retirement in 1983.



After his discharge, George and Jerrie started their family. They had four children, Stephen L. and Carol, David B. and Teresa, Mary A., and Laura J. Scott and James Thomas. Others remaining are his brother, Kenneth W. Scott and Patsy; 12 grandchildren and three great-granddaughters. George and Jerrie lived in Indiana until 2008 when they chose to move to Maine where Laura could help with their care. They had vacationed in Maine years before and felt a connection to the state. Although they missed their family and friends in Indiana, they loved making friends at Sunbury Village and discovering new places. George kept a sign on the wall that summed up his feelings about where he spent the last years of his life: "Time spent in Maine is never wasted." George was a man with diverse interests, skills and talents. In addition to his passion for math, science, aviation and computing, he was a naturalist who enjoyed spelunking, fishing and exploring outdoors. He was the scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop No. 44 in Indianapolis for six years, leading the scouts on many memorable adventures. As a Sunday school teacher for several years at Marion County Children's Guardian Home, he taught and mentored underprivileged children. George was an elder at Irvington

Presbyterian Church and was active in the church until moving to Maine. A self-taught piano player, he enjoyed music, movies and was an avid reader. George loved traveling and driving - especially in his '65 Mustang convertible always opting to take the most interesting "shortcut." It's impossible to put into words all that George was and what he meant to those who love him. A man of infinite patience, great integrity and honesty, George was quiet and soft-spoken, methodical and analytical, witty and punny, romantic and emotional, as well as gentle and strong. Above all, he was a devoted husband, father and grampy who was always there for anyone who needed him. May he live on as the best in each of us. George passed away peacefully January 15, 2013 and he left one thought that all could well benefit from in living their life; "The greatest thing you'll ever learn is just to love and be loved in return."

