

## Charles Robear

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ROBEAR, CHARLES M. Charles Martin Robear, 92, of Meetinghouse Circle, Orange, died peacefully in his home on October 9, 2011 after a long illness. He was born in Camden, New Jersey on November 3, 1918 and spent much of his childhood and teenage years in the Adirondack Mountains of New York. Charles served as a fighter-bomber pilot with the 9th Air Force in the European Theater of Operations during [World War II](#). He piloted twin-engine attack bombers including the Douglas A-26 Invader. Mr. Robear was awarded the Air Medal with 2 battle stars, the E.T.O. Ribbon, the World War II Victory Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the Distinguished Unit Badge, and the European-African- Middle Eastern Campaign Medal. After the war, Charles flew with the Military Air Transport Service. He continued to fly as an active reservist during the [Korean Conflict](#). He eventually obtained the rank of Major and spent more than 24 years in the Air Force Reserve, including 5 years of active duty. Mr Robear attended the New Haven State Teachers College and earned an A.S. degree in Education. He worked primarily in the construction and maintenance fields, and was a long-time employee of First National Supermarkets (Finast). Mr. Robear spent over 34 years with First National, retiring in 1984. He began his career with Finast as a carpenter and his final position prior to retirement was the Corporate Director of Construction and Maintenance. He was a long-time member and past president of the Orange Lion's Club, and was a 50-year member of the American Legion. Mr. Robear was a resident of Orange for over 53 years and was active in town political and community activities for many years. Charles was predeceased by his wife of 58 years, Marna Segnalla. He is survived by his two children, son, Ernie Robear and his wife Betsy of Orange, and daughter, Joan Jackson and her husband Ken Jackson of Homestead, Florida, and two grandchildren, Emily and Devlin Robear of Orange. He is also survived by his sister, Margaret Harrigan, many nieces and nephews, and many close friends and neighbors. Friends may call at MARESCA & SONS FUNERAL HOME, 592 Chapel St. , Wednesday from 5 to 8 pm. and are invited to go directly to Holy Infant Church for a Mass of Christian Burial on Thursday at 10 am. Burial will follow in St. Lawrence Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the Orange Lion's Club, P.O.Box 824, Orange, CT 06477. Offer condolences at [www.marescafuneralhome.com](http://www.marescafuneralhome.com)



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