A Patriot, Thomas Alanza passes:

Thomas Alanza, age 77, Bronze Star & Purple Heart Recipient passes

Thomas Alanza, age 77, Bronze Star Recipient, Purple Heart Korean War Veteran, beloved husband of the late Mary D.; loving father of Joseph Alanza, Laura (Guy) Valcour, Kerri Alanza, Matthew Alanza, and stepfather of Tom Demkowicz, Gale Demkowicz, and Dale (Rick) Putnam; cherished grandpa of Anna, Simonne and Georges; dear brother of Albert (Barbara), Raymond (Linda), Phillip, David (Phyllis), Dolores (the late Carroll) Gill, and Patricia (Bill) Day; fond brother-in-law of Kathleen Nastari and the late Peggy (Samuel) Meale; loving uncle of many nieces and nephews. Member of Tinley Park VFW Post 2791. Korean War Vet Association Chapter 23 and the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 252. Visitation Thursday, from 3 to 9 p.m. Funeral Friday, 9:00 a.m. from Colonial Chapel, 15525 S. 73rd Ave. (155th/Wheeler Dr. & Harlem) Orland Park, IL to St. George Church. Mass 10 a.m. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL.