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By Andy Oliver

Frank was born on January 9, 1921 in Chapel, Nebraska. His family moved back to Adams County, Indiana shortly after. He was the eldest child of Walter Oliver and Pearl (Strickler) Oliver. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Serving in World War II and in the Nazi's last stand, The Battle of the Bulge. Frank and Betty got married on October 21, 1949. He had 6 children with his wife of almost 60 years, Elizabeth (Roudebush) Oliver. Frank drove semi for many years until retiring and driving amish for something to do. After he stopped hauling amish he spent most of his time out in the yard, mowing, or in the house watching college athletics. His favorite team was Indiana University. He died at the age of 89 on September 30, 2010.

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Franklin Thomas Oliver was born January 9, 1921 in Chapel, Nebraska to Walter Oliver and Pearl (Stickler) Oliver. Franklin served in the United States Army from July 1942 through October 1945. While serving as a Staff Sargent, he was earned and received a Purple Heart, a European/ African/ Middle Eastern service medal, a good conduct medal, a bronze star medal, an American Theater medal, and a WWII victory medal in the Battle of the Bulge. He served in Company M, 319th Infantry 80th Division. He moved to Adams County, IN and married Elizabeth (Betty) Roudebush on October 21, 1949. Six children, Rex, Sandy, Kathy, Connie, Jim, and Lisa, were born to them while living within Adams County, all of which remained in the area. Franklin was self-employed as a truck driver and a farmer. He became a member of the Pleasant Dale Church of the Brethren. On Thursday, September 30, 2010, Franklin passed away at the Adams Memorial Hospital in Decatur, IN at 89 years of age. He was buried within Ray Cemetery in Monroe, IN, alongside his wife, Elizabeth Roudebush, who passed away Tuesday, February 3, 2009, within her residence, at 78 years of age.

- (Oliver) Ross, Lisa. Personal interview. October 16, 2013.