

Korean War

Born - January 7, 1925 Canton, Massachusetts

Entered Service - April 16, 1943 and July 1951 ... Canton, Massachusetts



Sgt. Ernest Carrara
U.S. Air Force
Age 26

Ernie grew up at 2 Traverse Street with his younger sister and brother plus three older stepsisters. He completed the thirteen-year program at St. John School and secured a job at the Plymouth Rubber Co. His interest in flying prompted him to join the Army Air Corps during WWII. He participated in campaigns in North Africa, North Apennines and Po Valley, as a C47 crewman and he received two Bronze Service Stars. Ernie continued his interest in flying by earning his pilot's license January 15, 1951 just in time to be called up for the Korean War. He was attached to the 50th Troop Carrier Squadron in the Far East. While on a mission September 17, 1951, his plane was lost on a mountaintop. All aboard were killed. Carrara was the first Korean War casualty from Canton. In March 1952 his body was returned to Canton for a funeral mass at St. John's Church.

Date of Death - September 17, 1951 Location Unknown

Buried - Unknown