



Walter D. Murray

Walter D. Murray of Riverside, CA, formerly of Massena, NY, died Sunday, March 24, 2004. He was born March 2, 1925, the son of Arthur and Annabel Murray of Massena. He graduated from Massena Central High School and served in the Army with the 838th division in the European Campaign. He was honorably discharged. He had been employed at Alcoa and worked on the construction of both Reynolds and the Seaway, later working at Snell Lock as a millwright. In 1965, Walter moved his family to California where he joined the Millwright & Machine Erectors Union Local 1607 of Los Angeles. He later became a business agent and retired. He was known for his music, playing in bands throughout the North Country and southern California. He donated a lot of time with his music to benefit the underprivileged and a local orphanage. He also joined forces with Barbara McNair to host a huge benefit for the Negro College Fund. He Helped organize and host benefit runs with his chapter of the American Dresser Association, for the needy. He was a member of the V.F.W. and American Legion. He was predeceased by his wife, Amanda Murray, and his brother Floyd Murray. He is survived by three children, Patricia of Virginia, Barbara Donnelly of Massena, Walter "Chip" Murray II of Riverside, CA, seven grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, three nieces, and a nephew.

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