

November 8th, 2018

Dear Honor Flight -

Please accept this gift in honor of my Uncle William Rossman Junior, of Racine & Nashota WI Wisconsin.

My Uncle was a member of the Army Air Corps and served as a gunner & radio operator. He was shot down on Valentine's Day, 1944 over Verona, Italy. The residents of Verona hid my uncle but he was eventually taken prisoner by the Germans. He was a POW until 1945 when his camp in Bavaria was liberated by George Patton's troops.

When my uncle's plane was shot down, he stayed behind until the last moment in order to assist a

very badly injured crew member,
whose life he ultimately saved.
For his actions, he was awarded
the Distinguished Flying Cross,
Purple Heart, Air Medal and 'the
POW Medal'.

My Uncle passed away in January,
2015, but several years prior
he went on an Honor Flight
out of Milwaukee. It was an
experience he treasured and
talked about until his death.

My Uncle was a quiet, hard-
working, gentle man with a
~~dry~~ sense of humor. I was in
high school before I learned the
details of his service. Now I
know that extra-ordinary heroes
can hide in plain sight as ordinary
people.

In honor of Veteran's Day + Bill
Rossman Jr.

Judy Simbaur