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Dear Never Forgotten Honor Flight-

Please accept this gift in memory of my uncle, William Rossman, of Nashotah, Wisconsin.

My uncle served in the Army Air Corp as a B-24 gunner. He was shot down over Verona, Italy on February 14th, 1944. He risked his own life to save a comrade before parachuting to safety. In spite of the kindness of the Italians, he was found & captured by the Germans and spent 2 years as a POW. He survived the Black March and other tortures before being freed by General Patton. He received the Purple Heart, Distinguished Flying Cross and other recognitions.

My Uncle was a quietly strong man, with a sweet sense of humor. He never spoke of his service experiences until I was in my 40's.

It astounded all of us that the business man we all knew had survived so much danger & cruelty. In later years he did talks to community groups and schools in the hopes of educating his listeners to the realities of war. Above all, he was almost gentle man who was a cornerstone of our family. Sadly, he passed away in 2015 at the age of 91.

My Uncle took an Honor Flight out of Milwaukee and it was the highlight of his later years.

Sincerely — Judy Tomback