



Antonio Eugene Enos

Antonio Eugene “Tony” Enos was born at home in West Warwick, Rhode Island on February 10, 1922, a son of Manuel and Angelina (Frates) Enos. Tony had 1 sister and 4 brothers.

As was common at the time, Tony left high school early and went to work as a shipping clerk to help support his family. Tony enlisted in the United States Army on February 10, 1943.

Tony served as a Staff Sergeant in the Army Air Corps, 110th AAF Base Unit, stationed at Mitchel Field, New York.

Tony’s unit was deployed during the Normandy Offensive of June 1944 providing air support over various European targets. Tony’s position was that of a ball turret “belly”

gunner aboard a B-17 bomber. Tony's crew was shot down by enemy forces over western Germany on July 5, 1944. He survived, escaped capture and made his way to Switzerland by approximately late July 1944. He remained interned there until November 1944. Tony subsequently returned to active duty and served until his honorable discharge on October 20, 1945.

Tony returned home to RI and married his sweetheart Mabel (Souza). They welcomed four children: Kathleen, Joseph, Anthony and Darryl.

Upon returning to civilian life Tony first completed his high school GED and then using benefits through the GI bill, he completed training to become a certified aircraft mechanic.

Tony secured work as an aircraft mechanic for Northeast Airlines (now Delta) at Logan Airport in Boston, Massachusetts and therefore the family relocated to Winthrop, MA.

Tony's Catholic faith, while always integral to his life, became far more so upon the tragic death of his son Joseph at the age of 19. Tony and Mabel were very active members of their church in Winthrop and in various other religious organizations and charitable causes, which brought them great peace.

Tony passed away at the age of 59 on February 1, 1982.

Star 93 was proudly incised in his memory on November 19, 2024, by his grandson Stephen Joseph Enos.

