

Robert S. Fortney, (Died 24 May 2009), Perry County Times, Thursday, July 2, 2009

Robert S. Fortney, 89, of Crestview, Fla., died Sunday, May 24, 2009 at home.

He grew up on his parent's dairy farm west of Duncannon on the Dellville Road. He was a graduate of Duncannon High School and was all-county football for two years in a row, resulting in a sports scholarship to the University of Alabama. In 1940 he received an appointment as a pilot cadet in the Army Air Corps, and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 1941. He flew with the 27th Fighter Bomber Group during the North African, Sicily and Italian campaigns of World War II, earning the Distinguished Flying Cross, and with the 4th Fighter Group over MIG Ally, North Korea in 1952, leaving the Air Force with the rank of major.

He then worked as an engineer with McDonnell Douglas Corporation, contributing to such projects as the F4 Phantom and the F15 Eagle. He retired to the Ocala area of Florida in 1984, maintaining a very active golf schedule and social life for many years.

Surviving are a son, **Rodney**; two brothers, **Paul** and **Charles**; and a sister, **Esther (Kraft)**.

His remains were interred June 16 next to his parents, **Adam** and **Mary (Weldon) Fortney**, in Dellville Union Cemetery, Duncannon.