

Robert E. “Bob” Palmer

- *Summary by: Liam Payne*

Branch: Army

Rank: Platoon Sergeant

Years of Service: 1942 – 1945

Location of Service: Europe

Medals: American Service Medal
European-Africa-Middle Eastern Service Medal
World War II Victory Medal
Good Conduct Medal



Robert E. “Bob” Palmer, was born May 31, 1921 in Brewster, NY. Bob married Marjorie Jean Edmondson on January 22, 1944. He passed away October 18, 2018 at the age of 97.

Summary of his service

Bob Palmer served in the US Army in World War II, receiving the rank of Platoon Sergeant. As Platoon Sergeant, he commanded a sixteen man gun station. He began his service in August of 1942 and ended his service in December of 1945, serving for a total of 3 years and 4 months.

Returning Home

Following his service, he worked as a railroad engineer for Metro North Railroad in Brewster for 41 years, and retired in 1981. He was a lifelong member of St. Lawrence O’Toole Church and also a lifetime member of the VFW Post 672; both in Brewster.

Local Recognition

For 30 years leading up to Memorial day, Bob Palmer categorized and placed 1200 flags of veterans buried in Brewster, mostly by himself. In 2012 he passed the job on, which created “Bob Palmer Day,” where members of the community come out and place flags on veterans graves to honor our veterans who served.