

HOMETOWN HEROES...

A Salute to the Veterans of Forsyth County



Saluting Max Kirby ...

Forsyth County resident Max Kirby, 85, supported fellow citizens by serving as a bombardier in the Air Force during World War II. In his six-year military career, Kirby received many medals for bravery.

Kirby began his service in 1941, when he was drafted for the war. The Dunwoody native reported to Fort McPherson for induction. He was then sent to Camp Wolters, Texas for infantry basic training. Kirby later chose to serve in the Army Air Corps and was transferred to Wichita Falls, Texas, and Omaha, Neb.

His bombardier training began in Santa Ana, Calif, and in 1944, he went to Boeing factory school, where he studied the B-17 aircraft. Kirby was assigned to the 401st Bomb Group in England, and he flew missions over Europe.

When Kirby came home, he was awarded the AAF Achievement Medal, Armed Forces Medal, AF Combat Readiness Medal, AF Good Conduct Medal, WWII Victory Medal and the Soldier's Medal.

Kirby and his wife, Jean, have two children, Gina Bonner and the late Victor Kirby. Max Kirby retired after 35 years at Complete Auto Transit in Doraville. He has lived in Forsyth County for the past 43 years. He is a true
“Hometown Hero.”


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