

Merendo, Anthony, Sr. (Tony), age 98, of Fairborn, passed away at home on Saturday, February 24, 2018, surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Bari, Italy on June 9, 1919, the son of Luigi S. and Nicoletta (Pulini) Merendo, who preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by his beloved wife of 67 years, Carmel Mary Merendo, on October 27, 2013, his son, David Merendo, his grandson, Matthew Gouldbourn, a sister and a brother. Anthony is survived by his son, Anthony (Tina) Merendo, Jr.; three daughters, Celeste (Wallace) Johnson, Valerie Merendo Abate, Candice (Barry)Hardin; daughter-in-law, Charlene Merendo; grandchildren, Daphne Parks, Jeff Johnson, Nicholas (Erin) Merendo; great-grandchildren, Maya and Adam Parks, Jade and Jordan Johnson. He is also survived by many other relatives and friends. Anthony was a longtime member of St. Luke Catholic Church, John Pirelli Lodge #1633 Order of the Sons of Italy, the American Legion and the Knights of Columbus, Assembly # 3724. He was a graduate of Kent State University earning a Bachelor of Science in Education and a Bachelor of Arts Degree, a veteran of WW II having served in the United States Air Force and retired from a distinguished career in the Foreign Technology Division at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base after 32 years of service. Anthony was very active in scouting having served for nearly 20 years as the

Scoutmaster of Troop#37 at Mary, Help of Christians Parish. Prayers will be held at 9:45 a.m. on Thursday, March 1, 2018, from the TOBIAS FUNERAL HOME-BEAVERCREEKCHAPEL, <u>3970 Dayton-Xenia</u> <u>Road</u> at Grange Hall Road. Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 10:30 a.m. from St. Luke Catholic Church, <u>1440 North Fairfield Road, Beavercreek, OH</u>. Entombment will be in Valley View Memorial Gardens Mausoleum. The family will receive visitors from 5:00-8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 28, 2018. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Brigid's Path, <u>3601 S. Dixie Drive</u>, <u>Kettering ,Ohio(donations@brigidspath.com</u>) in memory of Anthony. Online condolences may be sent to the family atwww.tobiasfuneralhome.com.