

land, he flew an early morning D-Day mission. He was shot down over Mayenne, France, on June 16, 1944, and hidden by the French Underground for 65 days. He was freed when Patton's Third Army encircled the area. His experience with the French Underground is included in two books, "Agents For Escape" by Andre Rougeyron and "7xXx90: The Story of a Stirling Bomber and Its Crew" by Charles Potten.

He was discharged from military service and married Eunice Waite on July 21, 1946, in St. Peter's Church, Saratoga Springs. Len worked for the New York Telephone Co. for 35 years, retiring in 1981. He remained active in numerous Air Force organizations, including the P-47 Thunderbolt Pilots' Association, the Air Force Escape and Evasion Society and the 405th Fighter Group. He and Eunice traveled the world in order to attend yearly reunions.

Len was a member of the Saratoga Winter Club and was a speedskating champion during the 1930s. He coached the Saratoga Winter Club during the 1950s and early 1960s. He was a former member of the National Ski Patrol, skiing at Alpine Meadows for most of his adult life. An avid sportsman, in addition to skiing and skating, he enjoyed running, cross-country skiing and roller blading at the Spa State Park. An excellent golfer, he was a past member of McGregor Links and Brookhaven Golf Course.

He was a communicant of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ballston Spa.

He will always be remembered as a wonderful husband, father and grandfather and an enthusiastic and graceful athlete and for his unique sense of style, wit and humor.

He was predeceased by his loving wife, Eunice Waite Schallehn; three brothers, Theodore, John and Eugene Schallehn; and a sister, Berenice Kirkpatrick.

Survivors include his two daughters, Cynthia Bouyea and Sandra Neal; two granddaughters, Kelly Collins Fitts and Emily Sprague; a brother, Robert Schallehn; a sister-in-law, Irene Schallehn; several nieces and nephews; his loyal friend, Kevin Sprague; and his Wesley family of nurses and staff on Hawthorne 2.

Funeral services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 22, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Milton Avenue, Ballston Spa, where a Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated.

Burial will follow in St. Peter's Cemetery, Saratoga Springs.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Wesley Health Care Center, 131 Lawrence St., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

## Leonard J. Schallehn

**SARATOGA SPRINGS** — Leonard J. Schallehn, 85, formerly of Route 50, Saratoga Springs, died Monday, March 27, at Wesley Health Care Center.

Born March 2, 1921, in Saratoga Springs, he was the son of the late Bernard and Mary Schallehn. He was a graduate of Saratoga Springs High School.

Accepted for service in the Army Air Force on Sept. 22, 1942, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant on Dec. 5, 1943. He was the pilot of a P-47 Thunderbolt fighter plane with the 405th Fighter Group, 509th Fighter Squadron of the 9th Air Force. While stationed in Eng-