



## Thomas S. Orton Obituary

April 6, 1916 - April 18, 2003

Mr. Orton was born April 6, 1916 in Grand Forks, ND to Frank S. and Ann Nettie (Shumate) Orton. He graduated from Lancaster High School in Lancaster, Wisconsin, in 1933. Mr. Orton worked as an auto body repairman, and was a member of the Hanover Veterans of Foreign Wars in Hanover, IL for over 50 years. He was also a member of the 449th Bomber Squadron Association. Mr. Orton served as a sergeant in the Army Air Force during World War II, serving in England, France, and Belgium. He had worked as a parachute rigger at the 9th Air Force Headquarters. One of the parachutes he rigged was the first to be jumped out of a medium bomber in combat in Europe.

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