



Charles Dawson



December 4, 2006 Charles Dawson, 92, of Sacramento, CA, died peacefully on December 4 in Sacramento, CA, of heart failure. A Syracuse native, Charlie was born July 5, 1914, and lived in Syracuse until 2002. A well-known veteran of the Syracuse police, he served from 1941 until 1976, retiring as a captain. He is survived by two daughters, the Rev. Judith Burrows of Williamsville, NY, and Lorraine Cox of North Bay, NY; two sons, John "Jack" Dawson of Norman, OK, and Michael Dawson of Sacramento; 11 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; many loving nieces and nephews and their families in the Central New York area; and many, many friends. As a police officer, he was the 1943 recipient of the Herald Journal Meritorious Service Medal for outstanding police work. In an unusual case, he made an arrest in 1949 that was later upheld by the United States Supreme Court. His fondest memories of his time on the force came from his 10-year stint as a patrolman and later sergeant of the motorcycle squad, which in those days was manned year-round. Later he led the traffic division for many years. After retiring, he served as a volunteer at Upstate Medical Center for many years. He will be interred beside his wife of 59 years, Jean Roberts Dawson, at St. David's Church in Dewitt.