



John Joseph Zawacki

June 14, 1926 - April 28, 2016

John Joseph Zawacki was called to duty immediately after his graduation from Hamtramck's St. Ladislaus high school in the summer of 1944. He proudly served his country in the United States Army, 44th Infantry Division in Italy, Austria, and Germany. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. After the war he was Sargent assigned to the War Department Personnel Center of the 1907th Service Command unit, Fort Lewis, Washington. He was in charge of groups of men throughout their processing for discharge.

He continued to faithfully serve as husband to his wife Bernadine (Laskowski) through 67 years and to his three surviving children, Sharon (Bill Pettinato), Lori (Paul Zeiter), and John Paul (Katherine). He was Grandfather to Leah, Anthony (Rebecca), Eric and Sarah and Great Grandfather to Kayla, Logan and Hailey. In his words he would "patrol the yard" of his Center Line residence with his pet Baylee.

For over forty years John also served the builders and homeowners of Center Line and Warren employed as a plumber with North End Plumbing and Heating Company. He enjoyed fishing at his brother in laws Brighton, Michigan cottage, spending time with his brothers in arms at the VFW Menge Post, and watching the Detroit Tigers play baseball, a sport he excelled at while stationed in Washington after the War.

John peacefully passed away at home with his family by his side. He was 89 years old.

Visitation will be held at Rudy Funeral Home, 25650 Van Dyke Ave. Center Line, MI 48015 between 2 and 6pm. Burial at St. Clement Cemetery Monday 11 AM.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **30**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Rudy Funeral Home
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Center Line, MI 48015
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Funeral Service

APR **30**. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *May perpetual light shine upon him... Rest in Peace Uncle John! Our thoughts and prayers are with you Auntie Bernadine and your family. Love and God Bless you, Dennis, Jill, DJ, Tommy, Daniel and Nicholas Teper*



Dennis Teper - April 30, 2016 at 12:47 PM



Thank you ♡

Sharon Pettinato - October 04, 2016 at 04:22 PM

MB

“ *Mrs Zawacki, Sharon, Bill and family, it was with a very sad heart that I heard the news, I am so sorry for your loss. He is resting in eternal peace now , you will all be in my prayers and thoughts. Mary Jo and Terry Belter and family*

Mary Jo Belter - April 29, 2016 at 07:28 AM

GT

“ *My Uncle John was a soft spoken man who as a child I adored, I think he was my first love!*

He was a skilled plumber and was always willing to help his family out when they had plumbing problems. He along with my Aunt Bernadine organized a yearly Family Picnic at their Centerline Park which we had enjoyed for many years. Rain or shine we all had a good time!

He was a Proud WWII Veteran and he and my Dad also a WWII Veteran shared their war stories...He was proud to fly the US Flag faithfully. This year he would have been 90 yrs. old which happens to be Flag Day, June 14th.....I cherish a picture of him wearing his Army jacket, which still fit him well....

I am grateful to have visited with him recently and gave him a hug and was able to tell him I loved him. He will be missed but his memory will always be there in our hearts.

All my Uncles were Special and he was the last one to leave us...I hope they are all reunited now....



Geri Teper - April 28, 2016 at 09:56 PM

MG

“ *Rest in Peace Uncle John. Our sympathy to our dear Aunt Bernadine and Family.*

Marcia and Gene - April 28, 2016 at 06:47 PM

GT

“ Uncle John was always a soft spoken man and offered his skill as a plumber when it was needed, to help the family out....He took charge of organizing a Family Picnic at Centerline Park that went on for many years.

He was a very Proud Veteran to say the least and still was able to fit in his Army jkt.! I was hoping he would have been able to make it for his 90th Birthday this year.....but God called him home...

I was able to visit with him earlier this month and I'm so happy I got to hug and tell him I loved him....I will miss him dearly..



Geri Teper - April 28, 2016 at 06:34 PM

GK

“ Although he had a different way of showing it, I know in my heart that my Uncle John loved his family deeply and that he knew that he was the luckiest man in the world for having married Aunt Bernadine. She is the sweetest, most devout wife and mother a family could be Blessed with. God speed Uncle John. I hope you are already having a "shot and a beer" with the Angels. Love, Gail



Gail Krisfalusi - April 28, 2016 at 03:37 PM

LO

“ I will truly miss my Uncle John as we had some good conversations when I visited him and while cutting his hair. He was proud to be a WWII veteran and truly enjoyed his time spent in service. I thank him for all the good memories he shared with me about my Dad, the cottage and the family picnics. Rest in Peace.

Lorraine Ostrowski - April 28, 2016 at 02:56 PM