



Ginter, Emil

August 16, 2012

Ginter, John Emil, age 96 originally from New York City passed away Thursday, August 16, 2012 at his residence at Elmhurst- The House of Friendship in Wheeling.

He was born March 9, 1916 in Nyack, NY, the son of the late John and Marie Louise Bach Ginter.

He was a graduate of Newton High School in Elmhurst, Long Island, NY and Virginia Polytechnic Institute (V.P.I) in Blacksburg, VA. Upon graduation in 1942 he entered the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

During WWII he participated in the campaign to regain Guam and the Philipians, as well as conquer Okinawa and the Ryukyu Islands.

LTC Ginter was awarded the Philippine Liberation Medal for being among the first to land on the Island of Leyte. He was also awarded the Bronze Star Medal by Pres. Truman for "service over and beyond the call of duty" on the Island of Ie Shima- the last amphibious operation of WW II.

At the end of the war, John was stationed in Japan as the commander of the 1118 Engineer Combat Group. Upon returning to the US, LTC Ginter was assigned to the 1157th Army Reserve School Unit (ARASU) as an instructor and later commander.

While living in upstate NY, he attended The Albany Teachers College and was awarded a license to teach science and math in NY State. He taught as a substitute in Amsterdam, NY while working for Mohasco Corporation.

In addition to being a charter member of the Vicksburg, Miss. Junior

Chamber of Commerce, he was also a charter member of the Broadalbin Rotary Club in NY and a member of the Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons in Seekonk, Mass.

While living in Broadalbin, he served on the Broadalbin School Board for 26 years and organized the Fulton County B.O.C.E (Board of cooperative Education), serving as a member and its President for 20 years. He was elected President of the NY State School Board Association in 1970 after serving on the board for 15 years.

After retiring as a LTC in the Army and IBD (Interior Business Designer) for Mohasco Corp., he became active in and a charter member of the Broadalbin Volunteer Ambulance Corps. For five years he delivered meals to shut-ins and was active in church and community affairs in Broadalbin.

The Ginters moved to Glen Dale in Sept. of 1989. John still remained active on the Advisory Board of NY State School Boards Association; the advisory board of OPALS (Older People with Active Lifestyles) and The Old Guard of V.P.I.

He was a teacher of the AARP 55 Mature Driving Program and was appointed Chief Trainer for the program in 1995 and served for two years.

John was a former volunteer at the House of Carpenter II in Moundsville, a former volunteer at RMH in Glen Dale, where he was Past President of RMH Auxiliary and a Past Board Member of RMH.

He was a member and Past President of the Kiwanis, a member of the Eastern Star, and a member of Simpson United Methodist Church and also attended Glen Dale United Methodist Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret "Peg" Elizabeth Mack Ginter; and a son, Jay John Charles Ginter..

Survivors include a brother George Kenneth (Flo) Ginter of Florida; a daughter, Carolyn Elizabeth (David) Dalzell of Moundsville; a daughter in law, Jane Ginter of Juneau, AK; four grandchildren, William Gunther (Susie) Dalzell of Dayton, OH, Elizabeth Banta (John) Selvey of New York, NY, Jason John McMillan Ginter and Sarah Elizabeth Ginter both of Juneau, AK; three

great grandchildren, William Emil Dalzell of Dayton, OH; and Alice & Baxter Selvey of New York, NY; several nieces, nephews, and cousins; a special friend, Josh Border and his family of Moundsville; and also, the loving staff & the residents of Elmhurst.

John has graciously donated his body to WVU.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Simpson United Methodist Church, 800-7th Street, Moundsville, WV or Glen Dale United Methodist Church, 700-Wheeling Ave. Glen Dale, WV or Elmhurst 1228 National Rd. Wheeling, WV 26003.

Arrangements by Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, Moundsville, WV.

Tribute Wall

JR

“ Dear Carolyn & David: My sincere condolences on the passing of your dear Dad. He was an energetic man of accomplishment with a wonderful sense of humor. I am sure he will be missed by many. I will remember all of you in my prayers. Best regards, Janet Roskovich

Janet Roskovich - August 20, 2012 at 05:07 PM

FP

“ Dear Carolyn and David, So saddened to hear of your father's death. What an incredible person ! Wow, and to make it to 96 and have his health and his mind. What a blessing. How fortunate he was, and to live such a full life. What a gift to our world!! love, joel et cynthia

fJoel and Cynthia Pelaez - August 19, 2012 at 01:48 PM

JA

“ I was very saddened to learn of John's death. I enjoyed seeing him at the Howard Long Wellness Center and frequently told him that he was my hero. I wasn't kidding. John had a smile and a good word for everyone. Even when his health was breaking down, he always kept a positive attitude. John was a gentleman in the classic sense of the word. I'll miss seeing him, but know that he's now relieved. The last time we spoke he said that he had trouble seeing much anymore, but was glad for all of the wonderful things he saw during his long life. God bless you. It was an honor to know you. You made the world a better place.

Joe Allen - August 18, 2012 at 07:35 PM

DG

“ Carolyn and David Dalzell and family,I offer my condolences on the loss of your father, Carolyn, and my prayers are with you and yours during this time. God's blessings to you.Donna Gacek

Donna Gacek - August 17, 2012 at 05:44 PM

KH

“ Dear Carolyn and Family,My sincere condolences on the loss of your father. John was a wonderful man and our family also loved him very much. May God keep you close as your heart heals, and may your memories always make you smile! Love to all and May God Bless, Karen and Family

Karen Hinerman - August 17, 2012 at 02:27 PM

BG

“ John was a really fun man. We loved him. So sad to have him go. He will be missed. We always learned something new from him. Rest in peace John.Love from Brian and Ginny

brian and ginny gessler - August 17, 2012 at 10:31 AM