



Hanczyk, John

March 17, 2011

Hanczyk, John, age 88 of Moundsville, WV died Thursday, March 17, 2011 at home.

He was born November 9, 1922 in Jerome, PA the son of the late George and Rose Zacharko Hanczyk.

In 1941, John enlisted in the Marines to be trained as an Aerial Gunner. After Flying 60 Combat Missions in the South Pacific in WWII, he was awarded and received, at a later date, the distinguished Flying Cross.

After WWII, John went to sea with the Military Sealift Command, US Navy. He then served in the Korean War until 1953. In 1955, he sailed with the great Admiral Richard E. Byrd to the Antarctica and The South Pole to build the Little America, which was better known as Operation Deep Freeze.

From there, he participated in the atomic experimentation tests in the Pacific. After attending Kings Point Academy, John was sent to the Vietnam Conflict. He sailed in every position from Seaman up to Captain.

After 37 years of Service in the Marine Corp. and the US Navy, John retired. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother Michael Hanczyk; and a sister, Ann Kawenski.

Survivors include many nephews and nieces.

Graveside Services & Interment will be held at the convenience of the family. Arrangments by Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, Moundsville.

Tribute Wall

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“ *It's been years since I've seen John, but I'll never forget as a young kid going to Elites taking trips to Wheeling Downs with John, Ed Key, Lacky, Whitey, John Ferris, and Lolo. Now they are all gone. A lifetime ago, but days i'll always remember.*

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