

Rensselaer County

2012 Honor A Veteran Ceremony's



Date of Ceremony

Name of Deceased Veteran

January 9, 2012

Walter F. Larsen

February 13, 2012

James J. Kenney

March 12, 2012

Curtis Lee Jones

April 9, 2012

Francis "Dan" Dougherty

May 14, 2012

William Perry Williams

June 11, 2012

John Paul McAuliff

July 9, 2012

(None)

August 13, 2012

Daniel V. Keating

September 10, 2012

Philip T. Maloney

October 9, 2012

James J. Danaher, Jr.

November 13, 2012

David Owen Kelly

December 10, 2012

John Joseph Howes

Walter F. Larsen

Hello, my name is Martin Reid and it is my honor to serve as Chairman of the Legislature. It is also my honor to welcome you to the Rensselaer County Legislature as we honor the service and sacrifice of Walter F. Larson.

Born January 9, 1923 in Tacoma, Washington to Walter and Marie Larson, Walter grew up and attended schools in Duluth, Minnesota. The information on Walter indicates that sadly, he had no surviving siblings. He was employed by the Cleveland Steel Erecting Company in Minnesota as a journeyman welder.

Walter worked in various areas of the Midwest, until the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941. Just months after the attack, and about to turn 20, Walter enlisted in the U.S. Navy in January 1943.

Following training, Walter was assigned to serve with the Seabees 70th Battalion, Company D and took part in invasions of Sicily and Italy in the European Theatre. The invasions of Sicily and Italy were known for often brutal fighting, with German forces often defending the high ground with significant firepower.

Seabees had the difficult task of building roads and bridges often just behind advancing troops. Because of this, Seabees were exposed to heavy fire and experienced considerable casualties. At times during fiercely contested battles, with the front lines changing, lightly armed Seabees sometimes found themselves in contact with enemy forces.

After his service, Walter then was assigned to the Pacific Theatre, where he served in New Hebrides and Guam. As in the Italy and Sicily invasions, Walter and his unit would have likely been in close proximity to enemy forces.

As part of the island-hopping campaign in the Pacific, it is also likely that Walter and his unit helped construct and maintain airfields used to bomb mainland Japan and other Japanese-held territories and positions. And Walter and his unit would have been exposed to enemy fire and the tropical elements. Walter was injured or wounded, and spent six months in a naval hospital during his service.

He was honorably discharged in June 1945, just weeks after the surrender in Europe and just two months before the end of the war in the Pacific. Walter

rose to the rank of Ship Fitter First Class, and was awarded the American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal and Honorable Discharge Medal.

In 1945, Walter began a life away from the military, marrying the former Marion Dagle. They settled in Troy, later living in Valley Falls, and were married for 54 years, becoming parents to Kathleen, Robert, Kevin, Brian, twins Timothy and Thomas and a daughter Ann who sadly died as a child. Walter worked at the Norton Company in Watervliet and was a member of the Papermakers Local Union 17, eventually retiring from that job in 1983.

Walter's military service may have ended but his service to the community was just beginning. Walter recounted that when he was younger, he spent some time in a youth home, and veterans came and provided special events and programs for the children.

Walter vowed as a child that if given the opportunity, he would return the favor. He became very active in the Lansingburgh Independent Baseball League and the Pop Warner Football, working for decades with both organizations, and receiving the Hall of Fame Award from the Independent Baseball League. He was eventually recognized by the New York State Assembly for years of advocacy to allow for revenues from the playing of bingo to be used to benefit non-profit organizations like youth and veteran groups.

He chaired bingo committees for both organizations to help raise needed funds. Active in the Disabled American Veterans Post, Walter transported veterans to the V.A. hospital for nearly forty years, coordinated food donations to the Little Sisters of the Poor for 10 years, and helped many other individuals and organizations. In fact, Walter was known to travel 8000 miles a year to volunteer for various organizations.

There is not enough time or space to list all the good done by Walter Larson during his life. His life was truly one of giving, compassion and service. It should be noted that all of these good works were done as Walter underwent numerous bone operations, raised eight children, cared for a wife suffering from a heart ailment and helped his mother-in-law, who was blind.

His efforts were recognized by the community. In 1989, County Executive John Buono awarded Walter the second annual Rensselaer County Veterans Citizenship Award.

Sadly, Walter Larson passed away on January 12, 2006. We remember his great service to our nation, serving on two fronts during World War II and helping defeat the forces of tyranny. We also recognize Walter for his service to the community following the war, and his great dedication to his fellow veterans and his family.

JAMES J. DANAHER, JR.

FAMILY HISTORY:

James J. Danaher, Jr. was born in Troy, New York on March 22, 1946 to parents James and Marion (Foley) Danaher, Sr. He had two sisters, Marion (Mickie) & Maureen and one brother, John.

EDUCATION:

James graduated from Troy High School in 1966.

HISTORY:

On January 13, 1967, James entered into the United States Air Force in Albany, New York. Airman Danaher served as an Air Operations Specialist with the 22nd Tactical Air Support Squadron in the Republic of Vietnam at Bien Hoa Air Force Base. During his active duty time, Airman Danaher also worked as an Air Traffic Controller in Bangor, Maine. Sergeant Danaher was honorably discharged from the United States Air Force on November 4, 1970 at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey. For his honorable service to his country, he was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal and Air Force Good Conduct Medal.

PERSONAL:

James married Bonnia (Saari) Danaher on September 8, 1973. From that union, they had two daughters, Tara and Shannon. They were blessed with six grandchildren, Alexandra, Rebekah, Emma, Caryn, Karissa and Bethany.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

He was employed with Genuine Auto Parts (NAPA) as a sales representative. James never missed a day of work until he became sick. James never had a chance to retire due to poor health.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES/ORGANIZATIONS:

He enjoyed watching NASCAR and Dale Earnhardt, Sr. was his favorite driver. James liked to travel to Lake George to see the vintage cars and he loved music, especially the oldies.

Sadly, Sergeant James J. Danaher, Jr. passed away on July 28, 2009 and was buried at the Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery with full military honors.

CURTIS LEE JONES

FAMILY HISTORY:

Curtis Lee Jones was born in Valatie, New York on November 10, 1915 to parents Lee Elisha and G. Louise (Scouden) Jones. Curtis had 3 brothers: Livingston, Russell, Warren and 1 sister, Lynette. He later resided in Petersburg and Poestenkill.

EDUCATION:

Curtis attended school in Petersburg and School 16 in Troy, New York and graduated from Troy High School in 1934.

HISTORY:

Curtis Lee Jones was inducted into the United States Army on April 7, 1944. He was in Co. L, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division stationed in Germany. Private Curtis L. Jones was first reported missing in action on November 23, 1944 north of Heistern, Germany and approximately 17 years later, his body was discovered by German workmen during the expansion of a quarry at Langerwehe, Germany. For his honorable service to his country, he was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart.

PERSONAL:

Curtis married Eleanor (Bubie) Jones on February 4, 1938 at Eleanor's home in Poestenkill and from that union they had 2 children: Carole and Helen. They were blessed with 6 grandchildren: Bonnie, John Zayhowski, Jr., David, Douglas, Cynthia, and John Middleton, Jr.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Curtis was employed at the John Schumann Feed Mill in Poestenkill, N.Y. and later worked for the former Diamond Rock Creamery in Troy, N.Y. before entering the military.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES/ORGANIZATIONS:

He was a member of the Poestenkill Volunteer Fire Company, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Poestenkill, and the West Sand Lake Grange. He is one of the two servicemen for whom Sullivan-Jones Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, in Poestenkill is named. Curtis also enjoyed working on the family farm, going to auctions, and spending time with his family.

Sadly, Curtis Lee Jones was buried in Meadowlawn Cemetery in Petersburg, New York.

FRANCIS "DAN" DOUHERTY

FAMILY HISTORY:

Francis “Dan” Dougherty was born in Troy, New York on January 3, 1931 to parents John J. Dougherty, Sr. and Helen (McGrath) Dougherty. Dan had 3 brothers: Edward, John Jr., Thomas and 2 sisters: Helen and Jean.

EDUCATION:

He graduated from Troy High School.

HISTORY:

Dan was inducted into the United States Army on April 18, 1951 in Troy, New York. He was wounded on “Old Baldy” in Korea in 1952. He was promoted from Private First Class to Corporal in 1952. He retired after 30 years in the Army as Master Sergeant. For his honorable service to his country, he was awarded the Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge, Korean Service Medal with 2 Bronze Service Stars, and United Nations Service Medal.

PERSONAL:

Francis “Dan” Dougherty married Yvonne (Maloney) Dougherty on August 27, 1955 at St. Patrick’s Church in Troy, N.Y. and from that union they had one daughter, Colleen. They were blessed with 3 grandchildren: Carey, Lisa, and Stacy and 9 great-grandchildren.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Dan was employed as a foreman for the Norton Company in Watervliet, N.Y. before entering the military. Dan retired from the Watervliet Arsenal where he worked as a security guard for several years.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES/ORGANIZATIONS:

He was a past Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, life member of the Sullivan-Jones Post VFW in Poestenkill, North Troy Rod and Gun Club, Tibbits Cadets in Lansingburgh, Veterans of Foreign Wars

Korean War Veterans Alliance, and Disabled American Veterans Chapter Rev. F. A. Kelley #38. Dan was also a member of the 27th Infantry Association, Veterans of Lansingburgh, and Northeast Chapter Korean War Veterans Association. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Sadly, Francis “Dan” Dougherty passed away on May 29, 2009 and was buried with full military honors in the Gerald B. H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery.

WILLIAM PERRY WILLIAMS

FAMILY HISTORY:

William Perry Williams was born in Watervliet, New York on February 22, 1921 to parents Emerson A. Williams and Margaret (Perry) Williams. William preferred to go by his mother's maiden name Perry. He had 1 brother, Thomas and 1 sister, Emma. He was raised in West Sand Lake, N.Y.

EDUCATION:

He graduated from Averill Park High School in 1940.

HISTORY:

As a senior in high school, Perry enlisted in the United States Army on September 26, 1939. He was in Company A 105th Infantry and his father, Emerson served with Company D and later in Supply Company with the 105th Infantry in France during WWI. On October 15, 1940 the 105th Infantry was federalized and Private Williams deployed with the unit to Ft. McClellan, Alabama. He was promoted to Sergeant while in Company A. Company A was commanded by the late Lt. Col. William J. O'Brien who was later killed on Saipan. Staff Sergeant Williams continued on with the Battalion to Hawaii. During that time, he was selected to attend Officer Candidate School and was sent to Ft. Benning, Georgia. On November 25, 1942, Perry graduated from Officer Candidate School with his commission as Second Lieutenant and was assigned to the 18th Infantry and deployed to New Guinea. While in New Guinea, Second Lieutenant Williams was promoted to First Lieutenant. In May 1944, First Lieutenant Williams was wounded in action on New Guinea by the explosion of a mortar shell and was spent 3 months in an Australian hospital where he succumbed from his wounds on August 6, 1944. For his honorable service to his country, he was awarded the Purple Heart and Silver Star.

PERSONAL:

He was a member of St. Henry's Church in Averill Park, New York. The Lt. Perry Williams VFW Post 3025 in West Sand Lake, N.Y. was named in his honor.

His father served in the Army and his nephew, Frank Wicks, also served in the Army in Iraq; serving in the same Infantry Battalion that First Lieutenant Williams was with when he was wounded in action.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES/ORGANIZATIONS:

Sadly, First Lieutenant William Perry Williams passed away on August 6, 1944 and was buried in St. Mary's Cemetery in Troy, New York.

JOHN PAUL MCAULIFF

FAMILY HISTORY:

John Paul McAuliff was born in Hackensack, New Jersey on August 28, 1918 to parents Alfred and Mary (O'Hare) McAuliff. John had 2 sisters: Marie and Florence. Although he was born in Albany, relocated to East Greenbush and lived there for over 50 years.

EDUCATION:

He graduated from Cathedral Academy in Albany, New York. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry and general science in 1941 from the New York State College for Teachers in Albany, N.Y.

HISTORY:

John enlisted in the United States Army on February 19, 1942 in Albany, New York. He rose through the ranks from Corporal to Captain, serving in both World War II and the Korean War. For his honorable service to his country, Captain John Paul McAuliff was awarded the American Campaign Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, and Philippine Liberation Medal.

PERSONAL:

John Paul McAuliff married Ruby (Howard) McAuliff on July 5, 1947 at the Sacred Heart Rectory in Albany, N.Y. and from that union they had five daughters: Michele, Teresa, Pat, Christine, Claudia, and one son: Dennis. They were blessed with 8 grandchildren: Andrea, David, Amy, Kelly, John, Josef, Lisa, Donna and 6 great-grandchildren.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

John was employed with Sterling Winthrop Research Institute for almost 40 years of dedicated service, as a research biochemist, retiring in 1980. He was listed as a co-author of 37 scholarly papers, many of which have contributed

to significant advances in science and in the development of drugs and treatment in curing numerous diseases. As a result of this outstanding achievement, in 2002, he received the “Distinguished Alumnae” award by the State University of New York in Albany, New York.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES/ORGANIZATIONS:

He was a communicant of St. Mary’s Church and Holy Spirit lifetime, both located in East Greenbush, NY, lifetime member of the Rensselaer Elks, and charter member of the North Albany American Legion. John had a great sense of humor and enjoyed a good joke. Most importantly, he loved his family, spending time with friends, the New York Yankees, and the New York Jets.

Sadly, John Paul McAuliff passed away on February 22, 2011 with entombment in the St. Agnes Mausoleum, Menands, New York.

DANIEL V. KEATING

FAMILY HISTORY:

Daniel V. Keating was born in Watervliet, New York on July 19, 1931 to parents Daniel A. Keating and Marguerite (Kelly) Keating. He was an only child. Daniel grew up in Green Island, New York.

EDUCATION:

Daniel received his education at St. Joseph's Grammar School in Green Island, NY and graduated in 1948 from Catholic Central High School in Troy.

HISTORY:

On April 4, 1952, Daniel entered into the United States Marine Corps in Albany, New York. He was honorably discharged on April 3, 1954 in Charleston, South Carolina. For his honorable service to his country, he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal. Corporal Keating would go to the service in the US Marine Corps Reserve for 31 years.

PERSONAL:

Dan married Norma (Connors) Keating on March 17, 1951 at St. Patrick's Church in Watervliet. From that union they had four children: Daniel J., James, Kelly and Dawn. They were blessed with ten grandchildren: Michael, Stephen, Lauren, Kamryn, Connor, Colin, Gary, Andrew, Kelsie and Christopher.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Before entering the military, he was employed by Stone Brothers Construction Company in Troy as a bricklayer. After being discharged, Dan attended Hudson Valley Police Academy and earned a degree in police science. He also attended specialized training in homicide investigation at the University of New Hampshire. Dan became a NYS Trooper in 1955 and quickly moved from Trooper to Investigator and then to Senior Investigator. He received numerous awards during his 36 year career with the New York State Police, including 12 Superintendent's Commendations and the "Monsignor Christopher R. Kane" Humanitarian Award for disregarding his

own safety in disarming a dangerous drug dealer and protecting the life of a fellow Trooper. In 1991, Dan was elected Rensselaer County Sheriff. He went on to be elected two more terms, resulting in 12 years of devoted service. The Sheriff oversaw a more modern and expanded jail and the implementation of the County 911 service. Sheriff Keating retired on December 31, 2003.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES/ORGANIZATIONS:

He was a communicant of St. Jude the Apostle Church in Wynantskill, a charter member of the Knights of Columbus and served as its first Grand Knight. He was a member of the Association of Chiefs of Police, the NYS National Sheriff's Association, the American Legion, the VFW, and the Marine Corps League. In his spare time, he enjoyed fishing, boating, gardening, and was an avid jogger. He played basketball in the Over 30 League well past the age limit. He looked forward to the annual family trip to the Saratoga Race Course.

Sadly, Corporal Daniel V. Keating passed away on January 30, 2012 and was buried with full military and police honors at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Watervliet.

PHILIP T. MALONEY

FAMILY HISTORY:

Philip T. Maloney was born in Troy, New York on October 13, 1927 to parents George and Ruth (Riley) Maloney, Sr. He had two brothers, John & George. He resided at 70 Mill Court in Troy for 85 years.

EDUCATION:

Philip graduated from St. Michael's School and LaSalle Institute both in Troy, N.Y.

HISTORY:

On January 8, 1945, Philip entered into the United States Navy in Albany, New York. He served in WWII stationed aboard the USS Little Rock CL-92 and the USS Missouri BB-63 as a fire control director MK 38. He was discharged July 20, 1946 and worked at Behr Manning Corp. in Watervliet, NY. When the Korean War began, he was recalled and assigned to the USS Missouri from August 5, 1950 to October 18, 1951. He participated in 2 invasions and was the second last ship from Wonsan Harbor Being. He also participated in the 15 bombardment of Korea. He was honorably discharged on October 18, 1951. For his honorable service to his country, he was awarded the Korean Service Medal, Navy Occupation Service Medal, Victory Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Medal and American Theater Medal.

PERSONAL:

Philip married Mary Grace (Bevevino) Maloney on January 31, 1954 in Troy. From that union, they had one son, Timothy. They were blessed with granddaughter, Caitlin.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

He was employed with the U.S. Postal Service for 33 years, retiring in 1984 as the supervisor of the Lansingburgh Post Office.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES/ORGANIZATIONS:

He was a communicant of St. Michael's Church in Troy, a member of the St. Michael's Men's Club, Troy Elks, past president of the Patroon Club and a former member of the CRAB Club in Troy, life member and past commander of the DAV 38, past deputy chief of staff of the DAV of New York, member of Missouri BB 63 and the USS Little Rock Association, past treasurer of the South Troy Little League, lifetime member of the Rev. Francis Kelly DAV, an original commander of honor of the Deceased Veterans of Rensselaer County, board member and president of the Troy Post Office Credit Union. In his spare time, he enjoyed spending time with his family, especially the trips with the Patroon Club that he made with his son Timothy to see Mets and Yankees baseball games. He also enjoyed visiting Mohegan Sun, Atlantic City and Foxwoods with Mary and his family.

Sadly, Seaman First Class Philip T. Maloney passed away on December 16, 2011 and was buried at the Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery.

DAVID OWEN KELLY

FAMILY HISTORY:

David Owen Kelly was born in Boonville, New York on January 9, 1946 to parents Owen and Loretta (Szancila) Kelly. He was an only child.

EDUCATION:

He was educated through the Boonville Public School System.

HISTORY:

On September 11, 1963, David entered into the United States Navy in Boonville, New York. Seaman Kelly served two tours of duty in Vietnam aboard the USS Frank Knox. He was honorably discharged from the US Navy in San Diego, California after earning the rank of Quartermaster 3rd Class. For his honorable service to his country, Quartermaster 3rd Class David O. Kelly was awarded the National Defense Service Medal and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

PERSONAL:

David married Sharon (Smith) Kelly on May 4, 1968. From that union, they had three daughters: Erin, Tara, and Kathleen and one son, Michael. They were blessed with one grandchild, Wynter.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

He was employed with Clough Harbour & Associates where he was a partner for over 30 years. He served as the Deputy County Engineer Chief Building Official for the Rensselaer County Department of Engineering & Highways for 14 years.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES/ORGANIZATIONS:

David was an active member of the Independent Party where he served on the Executive Committee of New York State, the Emerald Athletic Club, the Veteran's Club of Watervliet, the Brunswick Elks #2556, the North Troy Stag

Rod & Gun Club, the Out of Control Ski Club of Albany, and he was a former member of the Country Club of Troy.

David loved his family and friends and was especially known for his quick wit. He was a stellar gourmet cook and was also known for his passion for food, especially his famous Dave's Pasta. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed fishing, gardening, golfing, hunting, woodworking, and a life-long love for skiing. He received numerous medals for his downhill skiing ability in high school. David loved traveling and in his early years spent time in Ireland and had ski adventures with his wife and friends in Europe. He was a liver transplant survivor since 2004.

Sadly, Quartermaster 3rd Class David O. Kelly passed away on February 24, 2012 and was buried at the Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery with full military honors

JAMES J. KENNEY

FAMILY HISTORY:

James Joseph Kenney was born in Hoosick Falls, New York on December 6, 1927 to parents James and Frances (Maley) Kenney. James was their only child. He was a lifelong resident of Hoosick Falls.

EDUCATION:

James attended Walter A. Wood High School and graduated in 1945 and briefly attended Siena College.

HISTORY:

At the age of 15, “Skins”, as he was known by his childhood friends, told a small fib and he joined the New York Guard. At the age of 17, with his father’s assistance, he enlisted in the United States Navy. Rumor has it that it was weeks before his mother spoke to either of them. He was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy in 1947 and 3 days later, he enlisted as a private in the National Guard. Working for the State Division of Military and Naval Affairs in the adjutant general’s office, he rose through the ranks to the level of Colonel. Between 195 and 1977, he was the assistant director of Military Personnel and administration and State Quartermaster responsible for 90 New York State armories and 11 air bases. He retired in 1977 from the New York Army National Guard and was later honored with a brevet promotion to Brigadier General. Jim then joined the Army Reserve where he was assigned to a selective service unit as Commander. For his honorable service to his country, he was awarded the WWII Victory Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, New York State Conspicuous Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with devices, State Military Commendation Medal, 35 Year Long and Faithful Service Medal, Duty In Aid to Civil Authority Medal with 3 clusters, State Recruiting Medal and New York Guard Ribbons.

PERSONAL:

Jim married Leona (Jones) Kenney on April 16, 1966 in Berlin, New York and from that union they had three children: Stacy, Kathleen, and James II. They were blessed with 5 grandchildren: Jonah, Sarah, Lane, Riley, and Shamus.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

He was employed by the New York State Division of Military & Naval Affairs

and the DEC New York Division of Environmental Conservation for more than 54 years.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES/ORGANIZATIONS:

He was a former assessor for the Town of Hoosick, a member of the NYS Assessors Association, member and former board member of the Hoosick Rescue Squad and Town of Hoosick Planning Board, member of the BPO Elks, American Legion, National Rifle Association, as well as a Life Member of the US National Guard Association. Jim was a devote Catholic and a lifelong communicant of the Immaculate Conception Church in Hoosick Falls. Jim enjoyed hunting, gun collecting, long rides; especially patrolling the Tomhannock Reservoir. Jim was not only a man devoted to his country, but he was very devoted to his family.

Sadly, James Joseph Kenney passed away on July 25, 2011 and was buried with full military honors at the Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery in Schuylerville, N.Y.

JOHN JOSEPH HOWES

FAMILY HISTORY:

John Joseph Howes was born in Troy, New York on March 20, 1927 to parents George and Helen (Talbot) Howes. He had four brothers: George, Robert, Dwight and Ronald and three sisters: Ann (his twin), Mary and Helen.

EDUCATION:

He attended School 14 in Troy and finished his education in the Navy.

HISTORY:

On May 18, 1944, John entered into the United States Navy in Albany, New York. Seaman First Class John Howes served aboard the USS Zircon during World War II. He was honorably discharged from the US Navy in San Diego, California on September 4, 1945. For his honorable service to his country, Seaman First Class John Howes was awarded the Honorable Service Lapel Button and Honorable Discharge Emblem.

PERSONAL:

John married Vera Louise (Beale) Howes on January 18, 1946. From that union, they had three daughters: Patricia, Susan and Jody. They were blessed with 12 grandchildren: Vicky, Susan, Marybeth, Michael, Jeremy, Amanda, Jennifer, Heidi, Jodi, Jonna, Eric and Gregory; 14 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

He was employed with the Watervliet Arsenal as a machinist and retired after 30 years of service.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES/ORGANIZATIONS:

Jack was a chartered member of the Hoosic Valley Rescue Squad, a member of the Hoosic Valley Fife and Drum Corps, American Legion Post 731, United Presbyterian Church of Schaghticoke, Tri-County Banjo Band, and was twice

selected Hoosic Valley Senior Citizen of the Year. Jack loved photography, music and sports. He participated in ice skating, swimming/diving, fishing, bowling and golf. He especially loved spending time with his family and friends and he had a great sense of humor.

Sadly, John Joseph Howes passed away on March 6, 2011 and was buried at the Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery with full military honors.