

JOHN J. DOUGHERTY, JR.
1924–2010

FAMILY HISTORY:

John Joseph Dougherty, Jr. was born in Troy, New York on June 24, 1924 to parents John J. Dougherty, Sr. and Helen (McGrath) Dougherty, Sr. He had 3 brothers; Edward, Daniel and Thomas and 2 sisters; Helen “Rita” and Jean.

EDUCATION:

Jack attended St. Patrick’s School and then attended LaSalle Institute for the remaining 3 years of high school. He graduated from LaSalle Institute in 1942.

HISTORY:

Jack enlisted in the United States Navy on September 8, 1942 in Albany, New York. His brother Edward enlisted at the same time in the United States Navy. Seaman First Class Dougherty along with his brother went to the shores of Japan and helped the naval task force hurl dynamite onto the Japan homeland during WWII. He served aboard the battleships USS Texas and USS Quincy (CA-71) as a Gunner. He was honorable discharged December 27, 1945. For his brave and honorable service to his country, Seaman First Class John J. Dougherty, Jr. was awarded the WWII Victory Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with 2 bronze service stars, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 2 bronze service stars and Good Conduct Medal.

PERSONAL:

Jack married Eileen (Gentleman) Dougherty, Jr. on December 13, 1949. They were blessed with one daughter, Nancy; one granddaughter, Kelly and two great-grandchildren, Kortney and Bill.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Before entering the military, Jack was employed at the Watervliet Arsenal as a machine operator. After serving his country, he was employed by Norton Co/Behr-Manning in Watervliet as a foreman of the Sand Paper Department and retired after 38 years of service.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES/ORGANIZATIONS:

Jack was a member of the Veterans of Lansingburgh, Past Commander of the

VFW Post 469, VFW Post in Poestenkill and the North Troy Stag Rod & Gun Club. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, archery, scuba diving, raising pheasants, carpentry, gardening, but most of all, he loved spending time with his family and many friends. Sadly, John J. Dougherty, Jr. passed away on November 24, 2010 and was buried at Gerald B. H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery in Schuylerville, New York.