

JOHN PURCELL HORTON, SR.
1920- 1999

FAMILY HISTORY:

John Purcell "Perk" Horton, Sr. was born on July 21, 1920 in Troy, New York. John was the son of the late Mary Purcell Horton and Colonel Thomas Horton, Sr. and brother of Elizabeth and Thomas Horton, Jr.

EDUCATION:

John grew up on the Eastside of Troy, New York. He was an attendant of Sacred Heart School and a graduate of LaSalle Institute, Class of 1939.

HISTORY:

John enlisted in the United States Army on June 11, 1942. John served as a Combat Infantry Soldier. During his time in the United States Army he served in Normandy, Northern France and Rhineland. For his service to our Country he received the Good Conduct Medal, the Unit Citation Medal, ATO Medal and the Victory Medal. John was honorably discharged on November 7, 1945.

PERSONAL:

John married the late Rita Weaver Horton on February 23, 1946 at Saint Francis De Sales Church in Troy, New York. Together they had three sons; John P. Horton, Jr. the late Robert A. Horton and Timothy W. Horton and three grandchildren; Steven, Katilin and Matthew.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

John worked for the New York Telephone company for 38 years retiring in 1982.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES/ORGANIZATIONS:

Active in his community, John was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America, the American Ex-Prisoners of War Club in Troy, a lifetime member of the Emerald Athletic Club, the Troy Lodge of Elks and was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Troy.