

JOSEPH MANOOGIAN, JR.
1933–1987

FAMILY HISTORY:

Joseph Manoogian, Jr. was born in Troy, New York on January 4, 1933 to parents Joseph Kenos Manoogian and Anna Kenovape (Basmajian) Bakarian Manoogian. He had 1 sister: Rosanne and a half sister, Mary.

EDUCATION:

Joseph enlisted in the US Navy at age of 17 and obtained his GED while in the Navy.

HISTORY:

On March 6, 1950, Joseph enlisted into the United States Navy in Troy, New York. Seaman Joseph Manoogian, Jr. volunteered for Submarine Duty and by 1952 he qualified as Sonar Watchstander aboard the USS Seawolf. By 1962, Seaman Joseph Manoogian, Jr. was Leading Sonarman Chief of the Watch. He was qualified as Diving Officer and as the Below Decks Assistant to the Officer of the Deck while directly supervising the Control Room Watch and in general supervision of all other personnel below decks. He had the honor of a visit from President Dwight D. Eisenhower along with Secretary of Defense James McElroy, Secretary of the Navy Thomas Gates, Admiral Jerauld Wright and RADM Fredrick B. Warder while he was serving on the board the USS Seawolf. He had the opportunity to cross the equator while on the USS Seawolf in 1961 in pursuit of the Santa Maria cruise ship which was temporarily seized and under control of Portuguese Pirates, who were holding of passengers on board for 2 days. The submarine made contact with this liner off the coast of Brazil and the Santa Maria surrendered. He was honorably discharged on July 30, 1970. For his honorable service to his country, Sonar Technician Chief Petty Officer Joseph Manoogian, Jr. was awarded 5 Good Conduct Awards with 5 Bronze Service Stars, 3 National Defense Service Medals with 3 Bronze Service Stars and the Navy Unit Commendation.

PERSONAL:

Joseph married Patricia (Brown) Manoogian on July 4, 1954. From that union, they had two daughters: Debra and Karin and two sons: Joseph and Brian. They were blessed with 9 grandchildren: Zachary, Shawn, Brianna, Joseph Evan, John, Jeremiah, Joseph Dustin, Joseph Ryan, and Jack; 8 great-

grandchildren: Saige, Skyla, Taylor, Madison, Aiden, Joselain, AnnaLeigh and Kennedy.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

He was employed with the US Postal Service in Troy, N.Y. and later in Hudson Falls, N.Y. as a letter carrier. He also worked in television repair.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES/ORGANIZATIONS:

He loved swimming and high diving. Joseph enjoyed repairing televisions and built his family's first colored television from scratch. He served as Exalted Ruler of the Elks Club 178 in Hoosick Falls.

Sadly, Joseph Manoogian, Jr. passed away on February 1, 1987 and although his headstone is located in Elmwood Hill Cemetery in Troy, N.Y., Joseph's ashes were spread across the Atlantic Ocean from a sailing US Navy Ship during an honorable memorial ceremony. Joseph is listed on the veteran's memorial wall in Wood Park, in the Village of Hoosick Falls, N.Y. for actively serving in the Korean War and Vietnam.