



John Havay

September 15, 1930 - January 8, 2011

John Havay, 80 died Saturday January 8, 2011 at home with his family by his side. He was born in Hazleton, Pa. the son of the late Michael and Mary Havay. John was one of 10 children. He had 2 sisters and 7 brothers. John had a twin brother Andrew, they were born 1 month apart, a rare medical occurrence of delayed births. He was a resident of Bridgewater, NJ for the past 44 years. John has spent his lifetime serving and supporting Veterans. Six out of the eight brothers served in the United States Army in three different wars. George Havay fought in the Normandy Invasion with the 29th infantry division, the Private Ryan Division, and was killed and buried in St. James Cemetery in France. John and his twin brother went to France to trace George's steps and visit his grave site. His brother Joseph Havay fought in the Pacific winning the Silver Star in the Battle of Manila. John and his brothers Andrew and Adam all served their Country in the Korean War. John worked as a hydraulic press man for the Johns Manville Corporation in Manville for 33 years. He then worked for Somerset County as the Director of Veterans Affairs for 25 years before retiring in 2009. He obtained disability, health and death benefits for Veterans. He participated in the American Legion for over 50 years. He was an active member of the Honor and Color Guard for over 35 years and participated in hundreds of parades and attended over 1500 Military Funerals. John was a past Commander of the Somerville American Legion Post #12. He was also a past Somerset County Commander and past State Vice Commander. John served on the Advisory Councils for Human Services,

the Office on Aging and the Office of the Disabled. He also served on various other committees that supported Veterans. John was a member of the Clinton Elks, the Somerville Knights of Columbus, an Honorary Life Member of Rolling Thunder and a member of the Basilone Parade Committee for 15 years. Mr. Havay was a member of St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church in Raritan, NJ for 50 years. He also served as an usher at the Church. He was the type of man who when anyone called day or night he was there to lend a helping hand. Most of all John was a loving and supportive husband, father and grandfather. He was predeceased by his wife of 50 years Frances L. Havay in 2006 and by a son Anthony C. Havay. He was also predeceased by 6 of his brothers and 2 sisters. He is survived by his daughters Mary Amato of North Plainfield, NJ, Ann Havay of Plainfield, NJ and Angela Havay of Plainfield, NJ, his sons John Havay and his wife Christine of Bloomsbury, NJ, and Michael Havay and his wife Janice of Redbank, NJ. He is also survived by a brother Paul Havay of Milnesville, Pa. and a daughter-in-law Karen Havay of Somerville, NJ. Also survived by 7 grandchildren Anthony, John, Lucas, Chelsea, Andrew, Michael and Kellianne. The viewing will be on Thursday January 13, 2011 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 PM at the Ketusky Funeral Home, 1310 Brooks Blvd., Manville, NJ. (908)575-8512. The Funeral will be on Friday January 14, 2011 10:00 AM from the Ketusky Funeral Home followed by a 11:00 AM Mass at St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church in Raritan, NJ. Burial will follow at St. Bernard Cemetery in Bridgewater, NJ. For additional information please visit our website at www.ketusky.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Bernard Cemetery

Bridgewater, NJ

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 13. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

JAN 13. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JAN 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church
Raritan, NJ

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr. Havay was a dear friend to my boss, Victor Rizzolo, and I was blessed to know him as a kind, sensitive soul who was generous with compliments and intolerant of cruelty. I will miss our chats and his warm ways very much. I am very sorry for your loss. It is a loss to many.*

Ann Jones - January 12, 2011 at 02:13 PM

GG

“ *Chere Ann, toutes mes condoleances, je sais que sais dure de perdre son pere, a chaque fois que nous etions au US ou quand mon pere m'en parler, on voyais que tu fesais tres attention a ton pere, il avait vraiment la chance de vous avoir. Garde au plus profond de toi, que ou que tu sois, depuis le paradis, ton pere ainsi que ta mere, ils te guideront ainsi qu'ils veilleront toujours sur vous ou que vous soyez (des anges gardiens). Ann, si tu peux faire un gros bisous de ma part a ton pere, ca serais gentil. Pour le peu de fois ou j'ai eu l'immense honneur de le voir, meme de le connaitre avec un coeur gros comme la terre, c'etait une personne formidable, et les personne comme sa ne devrait jamais disparaitre. Je vous souhaite une bonne continuation pour la suite car je pense que mon pere en a marre de traduire. Ahahah. Gros bisous a toute la famille et ou qu'on soit, durant toute cette semaine, nous aurons (toute la famille GOSCH avec le meilleur representant que nous avons au US Eric) une pensee pour ton pere.*



Au nom de la famille GOSCH et GG

Gaetan Gosch - January 12, 2011 at 11:48 AM



“ *May God Bless you as you enter your new spiritual life with our Lord.*



Bob Warren - January 12, 2011 at 07:56 AM



“ *My heart felt prayers go out to John & his family. John will be deeply missed in the veteran community & also by the many people who's life he has touched. I myself am saddened to lose such a friend. So I will end this not with a goodbye but untill we meet again. May god bless you & keep you safe. Mitch & Darlene*



James mitchell - January 10, 2011 at 05:13 PM



“ *It is with a heavy heart and much saddness in the loss of my dear friend John Havay. My fondest memories are from many National American Legion Conventions i attended with John and Fran. My condolences go out to his family. May you Rest in Peace. Judy DeBono*

Judy DeBono - January 10, 2011 at 09:36 AM

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“ *Shaun Bigelow lit a candle in memory of John Havay*



Shaun Bigelow - January 10, 2011 at 08:29 AM

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“ *All the memories are good about John! John was a very dear friend that would give the shirt off his back for you. I have always looked up to John, he had good values and always put the lord, his family and friends first. I hope and pray that I could be half the man John was. I'm going to miss you buddy! I hope one day we shall meet again. I will pray for you and your family. God Bless!!!! Shaun Bigelow*

Shaun Bigelow - January 10, 2011 at 08:28 AM