



John Edward Pok

July 16, 2013

John Edward Pok, age 87, of Columbus/Worthington Hills, passed away peacefully, surrounded by loving family on Tuesday July 16, 2013. John was born in Chicago, IL, February 17, 1926 to the late Gustov and Emma Pok. A graduate of Morton High School, Class of 1944 and Morton Junior College. He attended the University of Chicago and LSU. A member of "The Greatest Generation" John proudly served his country in the U.S. Army 66th Infantry Black Panther Division during WWII. He survived the torpedo sinking of the troop ship, USS Leopoldville in the English Channel on Christmas Eve 1944, then went on to fight in the Battle of the Bulge. His war story has been shared with many grade school children in Ohio and Indiana and has been submitted to the Library of Congress. He loved all sports, especially tennis and football, was runner-up in the Illinois High School State tennis championship his senior year and post-war he played for the US Army 66th Division football team that played throughout Europe and went on to win the military ETO championship. He returned to the U.S. and spent 32 years in the consumer finance business with Seaboard/Avco Finance as an AVP supervising branch offices in 14 states. He then worked another 10 years as Senior VP of Marketing of Lenders Services/Prudential Insurance until retirement in 1986. John is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Elaine (Johnson) Pok; children, Jan (Mark) Knouff, Scott (Pam) Pok, Jack (Karen) Pok, Nancy (Dean) Knisley; grandchildren, Andrea and A.J. Knouff, Steffi, Margo and Lindy Pok, Hillary and Austin Knisley. Family will receive friends 4-7 PM Friday, July 19, 2013 at

Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home, 515 High Street, Worthington. Funeral Service will be held 10 AM Saturday at All Saints Lutheran Church, 6770 N. High Street, Worthington. Interment will follow at Flint Cemetery with military honors. Many thanks to the staffs at The Laurels and Kobacker House for their compassionate and loving care. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions in John's memory may be made to the Salvation Army, 966 E. Main Street, Columbus, OH 43205 or Kobacker House/HomeReach Hospice, 180 E. Broad Street, 31st Floor, Columbus, OH 43215. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family at www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *John Edward Pok*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Nancy, Dean and the Pok family; We were honored to have known your father. I recall the first time we met John at Dean and Nancy's home. He was full of life and great stories. He loved to talk about tennis and he and Colleen could go on and on about it. He took an interest in our children and would ask about "meatball" - a nickname he gave our son Chris. I would try to stop by from time to time when I saw his car at Dean and Nancy's house because I always enjoyed talking to him. He took a genuine interest in the people in our neighbor and it seemed that everyone enjoyed his company. Years ago Dean shared a story about John's service to his country during World War II. I can only imagine how proud your family is of his heroic achievements.*

All the D'Angelos are saddened by your loss and hope that you find comfort from friends and family in the days to come.

Tony D

Tony D'Angelo - July 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are truly sorry for your loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. Just remember all the good times you shared and all the love he gave you throughout the years. He will live in your heart forever.*

Susan and David Harlan - July 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ My folks called and told us the news. "Uncle John" will be missed by many. My parents have been talking non-stop about the great times our families had traveling on vacations together when we were young. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and an exemplary godparent to me over the years. We loved him and I know my dad wants him to save a place at the poker table for him in heaven. Love to your entire family. Patti and Brian

Patti and Brian Duffy - July 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ We are so sorry to hear of John's passing. He was such a dear, sweet man, and we feel honored to have known such an American hero. We will be praying for God to comfort you and give you the peace only He can give during this sad time. Love, Jon and Andrea

Jon and Andrea Arterburn - July 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ John and Warren are now reunited and so God brings another one of the nicest, neatest Men I ever knew home to him. I always remember my Dad calling John to thank him for his service at the Battle of the Bulge every year and ending up calling him on D-Day. Classic.
I am sorry to not have seen John these past few years. He will be missed dearly.

Kip Morse - July 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM