



John James Starr

April 12, 1923 - December 20, 2011

Our beloved John James Starr was born in Brooklyn, New York on April 12, 1923 to James and Stella Starr. He joined the ranks of Our Greatest Generation when he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at the age of sixteen as a tail gunner and later as a member of the ground artillery. Sgt. Starr survived two brutal Pacific landings at Saipan and Tinian during World War II. He had many colorful adventures around the world that he reveled in sharing with his friends and family. Upon his return from service to our country, Mr. Starr worked as an insurance adjuster until he suffered a stroke at the age of eighty-two. He continued a steady demise for the next six years as dementia robbed him of his quality of life and his family of the joy of his companionship. John Starr is survived by Marina Tetenes Starr, his loving wife of thirty years, his son, James Starr, from a former marriage, and his daughter, Dr. Dena Cordes Olivi and her husband, Raymond Olivi. John has three beloved grandchildren: Justin Starr of New York, John Douglas Cordes, his namesake, and Sarah Eileen of the home. He will be greatly missed by his sister and brother-in-law, Frank and Bertha Gisonni, who have shared laughter and love together for over six decades. John was an avid swimmer, hunter, and consummate horseman. He taught his grandchildren the importance of good works and personal diligence and will always be known as their first and greatest role model. Our family wishes to thank all of the people who helped to care for John from Lutheran Hospice, Patriot's Harbor, and the Veteran's Victory House. Thank you for helping to preserve his dignity and

facilitating a gentle and peaceful transition from the pain of this world to the glory of God's kingdom in heaven. Mrs. Starr is especially grateful to the congregation of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Pastor Sue Briner and Pastor Stephen Troisi, and her sorority sisters of the Cracked Pots support group.

Tribute Wall



“ *John James Starr*

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