



John "Kelly" Dezelon

February 5, 1926 - August 9, 2014

John "Kelly" Dezelon passed away peacefully on August 9, 2014 at his home of 60 years surrounded by his loving family. John was born to the late Rose and Tony Dezelon on February 5, 1926 in Onnalinda, Pennsylvania.

At the age of 17, he joined the U.S. Navy during WWII, and proudly served his country in the Battle of Normandy. In 1948, he married Dorothy Strel, and they recently celebrated 66 years of marriage. After 37 years of employment at General Electric he enjoyed a long retirement. He was a member of SNPJ Loyalites Lodge # 158, President of the Pennsylvania Keystoner's Social Club, and an active member of the GE Pensioners Club.

He will be remembered as the story teller who "had the floor." He enjoyed playing his accordion and harmonica, listening to polkas, and working in his garden. Known for his generous and helpful spirit, he was quick to come to the aid of friends and family. John taught his family to always leave a place better than when you came and to "Keep Smiling". But most importantly, John passed on his pride in his Slovenian heritage to his family. Lahko noč, Johnny!

John is survived by wife Dorothy; daughters Linda (Art) Nardy, Gayle (Steve) Adams, Judy Praskavich, Kelly (Ray) Butara; Grandfather of 14, John (Monica) Nardy, April (Earl) McFarland, Jeffrey (Kristen) Clarke, Missy (Joe) Godina, Michael (Kabara) Praskavich, Anthony Praskavich and Allyce, Neil

and Lcpl Joseph Butara. Great grandfather of 11; Brother of Rose Marie (Richard) Oshaben. He was preceded in death by his great granddaughter Ellie Godina and siblings Tony Dezelon and Mildred Tomkoski.

A private family service has been held to celebrate his life. If you wish to donate, contributions can be made in memory of John to Hospice of the Western Reserve, 17876 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, OH 44110.

Arrangements entrusted to Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home and Cremation Center, Mentor. Offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

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“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. I will remember him fondly.*

Adam Zeitz - August 15, 2014 at 06:43 AM

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So very sorry for your loss. Glad we got had the opportunity to know him. Rest in peace. Thoughts and prayers to the whole family. Judy & Earl McFarland

Judy McFarland - August 15, 2014 at 01:47 PM