



Hermando DePaoli

September 14, 1914 - February 1, 2013

Hermando "Martin" DePaoli died Friday morning, February 1, 2013 in the Sanatoga Center, Pottstown, PA. Born in Reading, PA, he was the son of Alfred and Theresa DePaoli. He was married to the late Anne Rita (DiGuissepe) DePaoli for 60 years. He was a graduate of Washington High School, Class of 1933 and the America Technical Institute. He also attended Villanova University. He worked at the Jacobs Aircraft Engine Company. He was employed as a Tool Maker at the Dana Corporation for 34 years. He served on the Apprenticeship Committee for 22 years and was a delegate to the Skill Trades Council of the UAW-CIO. He was a member of The Sacred Heart Parish in Royersford and served on the Building Committee for Sacred Heart Church and School. He was also a member of The Holy Name Society, the Knights of Columbus, Phoenixville Council, No. 1374 and The Men of Malvern. He was a War Veteran of the U.S. Navy and served on Neutrality Patrol in 1939 as Crew Member of The Heavy Cruiser, U.S.S. Quincy. In 1940, he served on board the recommissioned World War 1 Destroyer, U.S.S. Dallas, 199 in the North Atlantic. He served on the Destroyer Escort., U.S.S. Kenneth M. Willett, DE 354. He participated in the invasion of the Philippines and Okinawa. He was awarded the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with the Bronze star for battle action in the South Pacific. He was discharged as a Machinist Mate 1st Class in October 1945. He was one of seven brothers who all served in the Armed Forces. Surviving are three sons, Edward DePaoli, Thomas DePaoli and wife Theresa, and Anthony DePaoli; two daughters,

Carol Anne DePaoli and Rosemary DePaoli, M.D. and husband, John Nelson; six grandchildren, Thomas Liberatore DePaoli and wife Carolina, Joseph DePaoli and wife Sharon, Roseanne DePaoli and fiancé Rémy Thenot-Siegel, Sylvia, Daniel, and Elizabeth Kresock, one great grandson, Thomas Joshua DePaoli; and two sisters, Mrs. Rose Calcinore and Mrs. Josephine Nesspor. He was a Life Member of The Humane Fire Company, and The Friendship Fire Company. He played Semi-Pro Football for the Royersford A.A. Football Team. He was a Charter Member of The V.F.W. Post in Royersford. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10AM on Saturday, February 9, 2013, at the Sacred Heart Church, 838 Walnut Street in Royersford. Officiating will be the Rev. Peter J. DiMaria. Friends will be received from 9:00 - 10:00 AM Saturday morning at the Church. There will be no viewing. Burial will be in the Holy Trinity Cemetery, Phoenixville, PA. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Sacred Heart Church, PO Box 64, 838 Walnut Street, Royersford, PA 19468. Condolences may be made and the video tribute may be viewed by visiting www.RoyersfordFuneralHome. The Cattermole - Klotzbach Funeral Home, 600 Washington Street, Royersford, PA is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ *The day after the Japanese surrendered my Dad and a party of sailors armed themselves heavily and went on a patrol of the streets of Tokyo. They had no idea what to expect. The day before the emperor, who they viewed as a god, had gone on the radio and told the people that they had surrendered. He told them to respect the occupiers. Before this speech many Japanese had been willing to die to defend their homeland. Dad said the only things left standing was bank vaults and that all the people were living in sewers underground and starving. The city was completely gutted, flattened and burnt. The sailors were shocked when the people came out of the underground as they were patrolling and graciously bowed to them! Dad said everyone soon realized that they no longer needed the weapons. They immediately went back to the ship and got all the food and medical supplies that they could spare and started handing them out to the starving people. Imagine forty-eight hours before this, both sides were poised to kill each other. Now America was starting the liberation process and the rebuilding of Japan, one of the greatest stories of the twentieth century, and my Dad was an eye-witness to it. No matter what anyone else says, Americans are the most generous people in the world!*

His Son Tom - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

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“ 5. The Navy also gave him sorrow and Dad was reluctant to talk about it because it was so hurtful. He understood sacrifice. He was aboard the USS Quincy on the neutrality tour before World War II. He was close to the crew and many were like brothers to him. He later tried to get back on the ship but his request was denied. The USS Quincy was sunk by the Japanese during the battle of Guadalcanal and lies at “Iron Bottom Sound”. It really bothered him that the Navy probably covered up what really happened and he lost many of his shipmates and friends. One of his dreams was to become a Navy aviator and he was finally accepted two weeks before the War ended, but they cancelled all the classes. He loved to go to the Limerick Airport when there was an air show and he just wandered about looking at the planes.

Tom His son - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

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“ My deepest condolences in the loss of your dear father. May you find comfort and hope in the Bible's promises of a resurrection whereby you can see your Dad again right here on a restored paradise earth! - Psalm 37:29.! I have found the scripture at John 5:28 & 29 to be most comforting to me when I lost my father. Please read it and it is my hopes that you will find it comforting to you as well. May we do all that is in our power to be there to greet our loved ones upon their return! The Bible tells us how. I encourage you to investigate Jehovah God's true promises for us all.
Sorrowfully submitted, Denise Brown neiceybrown-mail@yahoo.com www.jw.org

Denise Brown - NeiceyBrown-mail@yahoo.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

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“ Your entire family is in our thoughts and prayers. Uncle Marty is in heaven with Aunt Annie and all family who have gone before-may you find solace in that definite. The video tribute is very moving!

Joan and Don Kalavik - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

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“ Our condolences go out to the entire family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Kathy and Richard Hurt - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

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“ My condolences to the entire DePaoli family. I had the priviledge of meeting you at Rosemary's wedding to my brother, John, in September 2012. You all regarded your Father very highly, and I know he will be sorely missed by all of you. My thoughts and prayers are with you now and in the days to come. God Bless you all! Angela Nelson

Angela Nelson - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

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“ Your father will be in place where he can feel conforatable more. peace blessing will be with you.

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“ R.I.P - Mr. Hermando "Martin" DePaoli. Peace, Paryer, Blessings will be with you. Tony - You have my deepest sympathies on the death of your father.

HyeJu Lee - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM