



John "Jack" Scalese

January 1, 1924 - August 9, 2020

Alton- John "Jack" Scalese, 96 of Alton died at 9:18 am on Sunday, August 9, 2020, at his home. He was born on January 1, 1924 in Oil City, PA. to the late Joseph & Susan (Scarpetti) Scalese.

He married Sara Moltz November 23, 1946 in Oil City, PA. at The Help of Christians Church on Nov. 23, 1946. She preceded him in death on September 4, 2001.

He was a Pattern Maker for a number of years, Pattern supervisor and Asst. Foundry Superintendent for Worthington Corp. in Oil City, PA. until the plant moved its product. Jack spent 16 years at the Owens-Illinois Mold and Foundry operation in Alton as a quality Assurance Supervisor for the foundry and retired in 1983.

He was a WW II Army Veteran. He served 3 years with the 11th Airborne Division Glider Troops, serving in 2 major campaigns in the Asia Pacific, Leyte and Manila. Jack was also a long time member of St. Mary's Church and a lifetime member of the Alton VFW Post #1308 and served on the Ritual Team.

Survivors include 3 daughters and spouses: Sara "Sally" L. Scalese of Alton, Suzie (George) Eich of Godfrey, Jan (Mike) Bucher of Godfrey; 5

grandchildren: Lissa Jacobs Sido, Ryan (Lisa) Jacobs, John (Katie) Bucher, Katie (Chris) Bucher Warren, Matt (Jenni Thaxton) Bucher; 9 Great Grandchildren; Jacob Sido, Kayli & Brianne Jacobs, Jack & Layla Bucher, Lindsay, Tessa, Burke and Campell Warren, and several nieces and nephews

Besides his wife and parents, Jack was preceded in death by 2 brothers, James & Joseph Scalese, and 1 sister Ida Guzzo.

Because of COVID 19, services will be private. Burial will take place at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Godfrey with full military rites by Alton VFW Post 1308. Memorials may be made to the VFW Ritual Team.

Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *John "Jack" Scalese*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *John "Jack" Scalese*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *I met Jack several years ago while swimming at Metro Sports. Over the years we found that he and my mom were the same age and he always asked about her. I honor him for his service to the U.S. and his duty serving on the Ritual Team. I remember him talking about learning to play the bugle. They just handed him a bugle and said go learn to play it. He said he practiced until his lips got really sore and bled. But, he was so proud that he finally (on his own) mastered the bugle! He was a very fine gentleman.....*

Cathy Autery - August 20, 2020 at 11:24 AM



“ *Jan, Suzie, Sara,
Seems like yesterday when you guys arrived here in Alton, and you adopted us as your new friends and making Alton your home. Another member of the greatest generation has been called home, where he will receive his eternal reward. Thank you, Jack for your service and may his soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace.*

Kerry Miller - August 14, 2020 at 04:04 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John "Jack" Scalese.*



August 11, 2020 at 09:13 PM



“ *From Marie, Kathy, Jimmy and Julie purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John "Jack" Scalese.*



From Marie, Kathy, Jimmy and Julie - August 11, 2020 at 11:19 AM



“ *Our deepest condolences from our family to yours. May God bring you comfort in this difficult time. I believe with all my heart he was reunited with his beloved wife and all the family and friends who have gone before him. I hope you can find comfort in knowing you will see him again in Heaven.*

*All our love,
Julia and Josh Villarreal*

Julia Villarreal - August 11, 2020 at 01:10 AM



“ Jack was the kindest man you could have the privilege to know. I always had a special place in my heart for him. His whole family is in my thoughts and prayers. 💕💕

Mary Eckhouse

Mary Eckhouse - August 10, 2020 at 11:20 PM