



John Swistock

January 19, 1918 - August 27, 2012

Swistock, John, August 27, 2012, age 94 of Canton. Loving husband of the late Thelma for 65 years. Beloved father of Robert (Barbara) and David. Dear brother of William Swistock and Marjorie Kupar, and the late George Swistock, Lewis Swistock Jr, Kate Kushner, Ann Flynn, Suzanne Sheldon, Mary Thompson, and Eleanor Slovak. John was born January 1918 in Madera, Pennsylvania to Lewis and Mary Swistock. He attended Madera High School and played baseball for the Pioneers (Madera), which were recognized as one of the premier amateur teams by the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York. As a gifted athlete he had the opportunity to sign a professional baseball contract, but declined. After a short time working in the local coal mine, he joined the CCC in 1936, working in Virginia and California during the depression years. After the CCC he moved to Detroit, Michigan to join his older brothers working at Ford Motor Company. He returned to Pennsylvania in 1941 to join the Army with his fellow Pennsylvanians (World War II), became a sergeant with the 475 Artillery Division and served in both New Guinea and Guadalcanal. After the war, John returned to Ford Motor Company in Dearborn from where he married Thelma and raised two sons. He retired from Ford Motor Co. in 1980 after 40 years of service. He loved travel and all sports, especially golf, baseball and deer hunting in Clearfield County. He also enjoyed returning to his beloved Pennsylvania to visit his father's farmhouse in Madera, the 475 reunion in Bloomsburg and high school reunions and visits with his brothers, sisters and cousins in Cleveland and Madera. Visitation

Friday 3-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Road (btwn. Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Parastas Prayer Service Friday 7 PM. Instate Saturday 10:30 AM until 11 AM Funeral Service at St. Michael Orthodox Church, 26355 W. Chicago (btwn. Inkster and Beech Daly) Redford 48239. Interment United Memorial Gardens, Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Michael Orthodox Church or Bob Hope USO, 203 World Way West, Suite 200, Los Angeles, CA 90045 or The Arbor Hospice Foundation, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103-8944. To share a memory, please use the View and Send Condolences tab on this web page.

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“ *John Swistock*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Im truly sorry to hear about your lost. John will definitely be missed by so many. One thing that helps me deal or cope with losing a loved one is the scripture John 5:28,29. It states, " Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life....." Soon we will be able to see John again because God (Jehovah) promises a resurrection hope. Also if you notice that it uses the term "memorial tomb" and not [Grave] which means Gods memory. John seems like a really nice guy, a person that God will definitely remember. I hope this gives some comfort. Dion R (Truth.1914@yahoo.com)*

Dion - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM



“ *I have fond memories of the Madera Swistocks. My prayers go out to all of you.*

Peggy Swistock Keeshin - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM



“ *We will always love you, Uncle Johnny! Your sense of humor and caring spirit will always be with us. God Bless You! xoxo*

Debbie, Bob + Family - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

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“ Johnny- You were Sargeant in the Army and our Sargeant in our family. Will miss you but won't forget you! Your sister, Toothpicks (Margie)

Margie - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

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“ Uncle Johnny -- what a great man -- he served our nation with bravery in WWII, and came back to help rebuild the auto industry in Detroit. We will all miss him, and remember forever his dedication to his family and his faith. From Detroit to Cleveland to Madera we had such good times with all of Clan Swistock, and especially Uncle Johnny, with his great sense of humor and stories of old Madera, a testament to the Pioneer spirit!

Dan & Linda - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

SB

“ We will always remember Uncle Johnny and all of the good times we shared with he and Aunt Thelma in Madera at holidays and hunting season. We thank you Uncle Johnny for serving our country. With Love, Suzie and Brian

Suzie and Brian - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM

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“ We will miss Uncle Johnny's great sense of humor, take-charge personality, firm handshake and loving heart. A great guy.

*With love and wonderful memories,
Patty and Ted*

Patty and Ted - December 12, 2014 at 10:13 AM