



John Duffer

July 18, 1924 - August 15, 2014

Obituary of John Duffer

John Miller Duffer, 90, of Bushnell, FL, died Friday, August 15, 2014 at Sumterville, FL. He was born July 18, 1924 in Sumner County, TN. Mr. Duffer was a life member of the VFW Post #10137 in Bay Hill, FL, the DAV Everglade State Chapter #2, and the American Legion Post #101 at Beville's Corner. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, going to yard sales, flea markets, and antique stores, and was an avid collector of Budweiser Steins. He endured many battles during World War II on the USS Wasp CV-7 and survived the sinking of the ship in 1942. He went on to serve the remainder of his Naval Career on the USS Essex. Medals and Honors received during his Naval Service include the Purple Heart Medal, Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon, Good Conduct Clasp, World War II Victory Medal, Honorable Service Lapel Button, Good Conduct Medal, American-Defense Service Medal - Bronze Letter "A", American Campaign Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Navy Occupation Service Medal - "Asia" Clasp, and Honorable Discharge Button. Following his Naval Service, Mr. Duffer continued his life as a Master Mariner through his employment with Exxon Oil Co. serving as Captain on sea going tugs and also as able-bodied seaman with Exxon's super tanker fleet.

He is survived by his son, John Miller Duffer, Jr. of Nashville, TN; daughters,

Pandora Duffer of Nashville, TN, and Sandra (Paul) Woodard of Bushnell, FL; sister, Mary Barringer of Memphis, TN; half-brother and devoted caregiver, Ralph Duffer of Lafayette, TN; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, lover, and friend of more than 50 years, Ernestine Meadow Duffer; and parents, Russ & Mattie Dell Duffer.

Visitation

A Visitation will be held at the Purcell Funeral Home Chapel on Monday, August 25, 2014 from 10 - 11 am.

Services

Services will follow at 11:00 am with Pastor Randy Alonso presiding.

Interment

Interment will follow at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, with Military Honors.

Tribute Wall



“ *John Duffer*

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Your father was an inspiration to those who knew him. He will be greatly missed. Prayers that God will send you comfort and strength and friends to be with you in your time of need.*

Jackie Peterson - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *May "Boats" RIP. A real hero and it is a real honor to stand up for him. May the family find peace and serenity with the knowledge that he has secured the sea & anchor detail.*

Jack Delauter (PGR) - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sandra, you have my heartfelt sympathy on the loss of your father. May you cherish all the fond memories. You and your family are in my prayers. May God Bless you all.*

Dana Coleman - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM