



## Henry Abajian, Sr.

February 19, 1916 - December 15, 2012

Myrtle Beach...Henry B. "Hank" Abajian, Sr. of Port Charlotte Fla. passed away on Saturday, December 15, 2012 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. He was born February 19, 1916, in Providence R.I. He is survived by sons Paul (Carmela) of Myrtle Beach, S.C., and John and companion Scott Simmons of New Orleans, five beautiful and loving grandchildren; many nieces and nephews, all of whom he dearly loved; a dear sister-in-law, Isabel Mgrdechian of Westbury, N.Y. and dearest neighbors Karen and George Wood and Lucy Moreno of Port Charlotte. He was preceded in death by his parents John and Anoushig Abajian; son Henry Jr. and his loving wife Anne whom he showered with love for over 70 years.

Early in his career as an electrical engineer, Hank went to Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Radiation Laboratory (Rad. Lab), the focal point of advanced radar development during WWII. There he had the good fortune to be assigned to the team developing the SCR-584 radar system, one of the most successful radar systems deployed in England and throughout the Pacific theater. He traveled from England, after setting up the many "belts" which protected London, to Guadalcanal where he established the training schools required to maintain the many radar systems deployed throughout the Pacific. He was awarded the Medal of Freedom for meritorious acts and services which aided in the war effort of the United States and its allies. In his position as Special Assistant to the Vice President and Division Director of Airborne Instruments Laboratory (AIL), he was later called upon to use his

formidable skills as an engineer and negotiator in the production of a small yet sophisticated radar system, AN/PPS-5, for the U.S. Army. Cited in numerous books and articles related to the development of radar, he was most proud of his contributions to the Public Television program NOVA "Echoes of War", originally broadcast in 1989 which tells the little known wartime history of radar during WWII. An intelligent, kind and modest man, "one of the good guys", he will be forever missed.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Thursday, December 20, 2012 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Conway, SC with Rev. Tripp Jeffords and Rev. Jason Collins officiating.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 PM Wednesday at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel.

Memorials may be sent to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 710 Main Street, Conway, SC 29526.

Sign a guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Service

DEC **20**. 11:00 AM.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

# Tribute Wall

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“ *To the Abajian Family:*

*May your hearts be filled with loving memories of "happy" times together, as you celebrate a life (96yrs), well-lived!! (Psalm 90:10)*

*My condolences,  
SJB.*

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