



John Santacroce

April 13, 1924 - May 14, 2011

Murrells Inlet

John Thomas Santacroce

John Thomas Santacroce 87, died Saturday, May 14, 2011 at his residence.

Born on April 13, 1924 in Bronx, NY, he was the son of the late Dominic and Sarina Santacroce. During WWII he served in the U.S. Navy from 1941 to 1943 and was a gunners mate 2nd class aboard the USS Lexington CV2. He was the recipient of the Navy Cross, the Purple Heart and two Silver Stars for extraordinary heroism and wounds received in combat action during the Battle of the Coral Sea May 7-8, 1942. He then served as a police officer for 40 years in both Manhattan and Walden, NY, attaining the rank of Sergeant. He did a lot of community work, establishing programs for youth and was a leader in the Boy Scouts of America. A resident of the Murrells Inlet area for 30 years, he served as Commander of the DAV Chapter 30 in Myrtle Beach from 1983-1986. He enjoyed fishing and cooking but his passion in life was his family.

Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Margaret; children, Christine Marousek, Irene Santacroce, R. John Santacroce, Marguerite Stephens, Michael Santacroce, Ann Marie Constantino, Robert Santacroce, and Eileen

Olmesdahl; grandchildren, Laura, Paul, Sarah, Samatha, Janine, Jaclyn, Danielle, Kristine, Laura, Mitchell, Maripy, Anthony, Dominick, Toni Ann, Heather and Billy; sister, Veronica Westerfield; sixteen great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a sister, Rose Toombs.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM Friday, May 20, 2011 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel. Family will receive friends from 5:00-7:00 PM Thursday, May 19, 2011.

An online guestbook is available at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 950 48th Ave. N., Suite 101 Myrtle Beach, SC 29577.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Celebration Center
11528 Hwy 17 Bypass
Murrells Inlet, SC 29588
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Service

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Tribute Wall

DD

“ *Danielle Santacroce Doherty lit a candle in memory of John Santacroce*



Danielle Santacroce Doherty - December 11, 2015 at 12:48 PM

DD

Love, "Half pint"

Danielle Santacroce Doherty - December 11, 2015 at 12:49 PM

KO

“ *I always had the utmost love and respect for Uncle Johnny. So many wonderful memories I have growing up. You were Mom's best friend. You are always in my heart. Love, Karen (Gina)*

Karen Osterhoudt - May 19, 2011 at 09:36 AM

KO

“ *Karen Osterhoudt lit a candle in memory of John Santacroce*



Karen Osterhoudt - May 19, 2011 at 09:22 AM

DN

“ *Uncle John,*

Mom wanted me to send you a note to let you know how much she loves you and that she finds comfort knowing that you are taking care of "Rosie" Wally, and Jake. You will be greatly missed by all of us.

*Love
Your niece, Debbie*

Debbie Westerfield Boniface, niece - May 19, 2011 at 09:13 AM

VH

“ *Uncle Johnny,*

I am sad you are no longer with us, at the same time I feel comfort knowing where you are...with your little sister. Take care of Grandma Rose, as you always did :)

Love, Roni

veronica hardaway - May 19, 2011 at 09:05 AM



“ *Michael Santacroce lit a candle in memory of John Santacroce*



Michael Santacroce - May 18, 2011 at 10:42 PM

LE

“ So many wonderful memories.where do I start.My first memory of Mr. Santacroce was the great times I had in the Police Athletic League. As leader in PAL, he took a bunch of 10 year old kids to the 1964 Worlds Fair .That event , to this day, has always been a highlight in my life. Mr. Santacroce always made those Boy Scout camping trips interesting, especially when we camped on a little island we claimed outside of Walden called Frog a Lot. His constant encouragement helped me obtain my Eagle rank.The many family barbeques at the backyard pool and the comment he would say," Who Asked You,"when you had something to say.. So many great memories when I was a youth. John will be forever missed.
Larry Earl

Larry Earl - May 18, 2011 at 05:14 PM

EP

“ I first met John over 50 years ago. As a loving (and stern) Dad he made me pass muster to date his daughter. On more than one occasion he had cause to boot me in the rear and send me down the road never to return. Instead he took me aside and pointed out my faults and encouraged me to be a better person. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to his family and my prayers will be for their comfort in this time of shared sorrow.

Ed Pimm - May 18, 2011 at 05:02 PM



“ Our wonderful father....



Michael Santacroce - May 18, 2011 at 04:11 PM

HR

“ Heather Ross sent a virtual gift in memory of John Santacroce



Heather Ross - May 18, 2011 at 01:10 PM



“ I was very saddened to hear about John's passing when I spoke with Ann yesterday; it feels like I lost someone in my own family. I will truly miss seeing him when I take my annual trek to Myrtle Beach this summer as I have for the past 10 years. I always looked forward to getting together with he and Peg and the rest of the family and sharing stories about his proud and distinguished time in the service or his days back in Walden. He had great wit and was a true gentleman and was a devoted husband and family man. Anyone who had the pleasure of knowing John, knows that this was his proudest achievement in life and what a wonderful legacy he leaves behind.



The planet is a little sadder today at his passing but heaven is smiling with his wit; he will be forever missed by family and friends.

God's speed John, until I see you on the other side!

Joe Beattie

Joseph Beattie - May 18, 2011 at 08:21 AM



Thank you Joe...those were kind words for my Father.

Michael Santacroce - May 18, 2011 at 04:14 PM

JB

“ *Joseph Beattie lit a candle in memory of John Santacroce*



Joseph Beattie - May 18, 2011 at 07:46 AM

BT

“ *Mr. Santacroce was a wonderful man and always made me laugh. Everytime I saw him he had a smile on his face. I only knew him for a short time and my heart breaks at his passing. His family will always hold a special place in my heart.*

Brooke Tummino

Brooke Tummino - May 17, 2011 at 11:41 AM

HS

“ *Mr.Santacroce was a very good man and a true friend.He welcomed us into his home and into his Heart.He will be missed by everyone. We treasure the time we had to be with him and his family.His family is in our prayers.*



Harry and Linda Scott

Harry and Linda Scott - May 17, 2011 at 05:55 AM

MS

“ *MARIPY SANTACROCE lit a candle in memory of John Santacroce*



MARIPY SANTACROCE - May 16, 2011 at 03:46 PM

AB

“ *ANA EMRCEDES BARINAGA sent a virtual gift in memory of John Santacroce*



ANA EMRCEDES BARINAGA - May 16, 2011 at 03:45 PM

AB

“ *ANA EMRCEDES BARINAGA lit a candle in memory of John Santacroce*



ANA EMRCEDES BARINAGA - May 16, 2011 at 03:44 PM