



John James Valentine

August 7, 2010

Carolina Shores, NC John James Valentine, 79 of Carolina Shores died Saturday, August 7, 2010 at Grand Strand Regional Medical Center. Born in Trenton, NJ, he was the son of the late John Valentine and Marie Valentine Anderson. He was a US Army decorated veteran serving in Korea. He was awarded the Purple Heart with Clusters, and the Bronze Star with "V" and cluster. Mr. Valentine fired with the US Army Rifle Team in the national matches at Camp Perry, Ohio and had participated in the 1957 National Match at Springfield, Ohio at which he received the M1 Trophy Rifle. He retired as Sergeant Major after 33 years of service. Mr. Valentine was a member of Calabash VFW, American Legion and Elks Lodge. A sister, Carole Valentine preceded him in death. He had resided in North Carolina since 1989. Surviving is wife Sarah Jane Valentine. Services will be private. Memorials may be made to Lower Cape Fear Hospice, 1414 Physicians Drive, Wilmington, NC 28401. Sign a guest book at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Sally, We are truly sorry for your loss. Jack was a great friend and person to work with. My fondest memories are when we traveled to Korea and West Point. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you. All our love..... The Iraca Family##imported-begin##Tony and Marie Iraca & Family##imported-end##

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“ Dear Sally, I was a good friend of Jacks and worked with him at the West Orange CSMS and served with him in the Jersey Guard. He was his own special person and we had a very good relationship. I cherish all my memories of our time together and wish you my deepest sympathy for your loss. CW4 Ret Fred Santoro##imported-begin##Fred Santoro##imported-end##

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“ My condolences on the passing of a truly great man and outstanding soldier. I first met CSM Jack Walentine on the range at Ft. Dix in 1982, during my OCS training that year. He was remarkable and dynamic to meet, and of course very technically capable. He reminded me of another fallen soldier, Artie Frenzel. I will never have anything but the greatest for this great man and True American Patriot.##imported-begin##Douglas A. Vliet##imported-end##

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“ Jack was one of the greatest guys that I ever met. My first meeting with Jack was in Camp Perry, Ohio -- I was a civilian shooter and my M1 Garand was giving me problems. Jack was on the armorers truck and took the rifle from me and handed me his M1 Garand so that I could finish out the match and shoot the leg match that afternoon. Jack told me he was left handed and that I would have to adjust his sights. I earned my last 10 point leg that afternoon shooting Jack's rifle. Later on he introduced me to some shooters from NJ, he had learned that I was a veteran just back from Vietnam -- I still don't know how he did it but he got me to join the NEW JERSEY National Guard and I stayed with them for over 34 years. Jack and I remained friends up until his retirement -- I tried over the years to thank him for all the support and for everything that he made me do, I would hate to think what I might have turned out to be if I hadn't met Jack Valentine on the range at Camp Perry, Ohio with my broken M1 Garand. I for one will always remember Jack and I will never forget the memories and the life that he guided me into. I MISS YOU, JACK Ron Bennett###imported-begin###Ronald J. Bennett, SGM, Ret.###imported-end###

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“ SGM Valentine was a great soldier and an incredible engineer and inventor. In our work together we took his tank gunnery training devices to Armor units of the Army and Marine Corps and gave the troops added combat capability they are using today. Through his genius the Soldiers and Marines are able to have the protection and targeting capabilities of their tanks while reducing the potential for collateral damage to civilian structures and populations. He knew what the Armor troops needed and he created the solutions - saving many of our lives and taking those of our enemies. Semper Fidelis, Greg Boyd, Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command, Camp Lejeune, NC###imported-begin##Gregory D. Boyd###imported-end##

August 10, 2010 at 10:17 PM



“ Al Stahl Major,FA, USAR-retired Phone: 732-606-2858 Email: albert.stahl@dol.state.nj.us Questions/Comments: God Bless Jack Valentine's survivors! I served with Jack and had the extreme distinction of learning marksmanship at his side. He was a true patriot and soldier. His rest is well deserved! My heart felt sympathies are with his family. Semper Fidelis Jack I'll see you again someday!###imported-begin##Beverly Ambridge###imported-end##

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“ Jack was a fellow member on the NJARNG Rifle Team and a good friend.###imported-begin##Pete Zaremba###imported-end##

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“ Dear Sally, I was so saddened by Jack's death. He and I spent so many wonderful hours together, and the adventures we shared, both serious and silly will never be forgotten. I have always been proud to tell people that he was one of the most influential people in my life. His wisdom, technical skills, wit, and humor made him a special person. I'll never forget our times working the weapons committee at Sea Girt, the artillery shoots with his subcaliber device, the EOD demos we did at Ft Dix. Jack was always a hero in my eyes and a man whose path I was honored to have crossed mine. Jack was unique and wonderful - an honorable, good man and a real friend.###imported-begin###Ron Chiste, COL, FA, (ret)###imported-end##

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“ It was honor to work with CSM Valentine and to learn from him. We lost a great soldier that was a very, very good man. See you next in Fiddler's Green CSM!###imported-begin###Robert W Dingle, LTC###imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy in your great loss. What a great soldier and gentlemen Jack was. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy.###imported-begin###CW4(ret) DAN D'AMICO###imported-end##

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“ *Sally: It is with great sadness that we learned of Jack's passing. He was both a great friend and an exceptional soldier, contributing more to the preservation of our nation's freedom than anyone I've ever known. We have missed both of you and wish we could be there for you. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you both during this incredibly difficult time. May he rest in a well earned Peace!! Earl and Anne##imported-begin##COL (Ret.) Earl & Anne Harper##imported-end##*

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“ *As fine a soldier as I ever served with. My condolences to the family, I'm sure he is greatly missed.##imported-begin##Bill Walsh##imported-end##*

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