



Ernest Allen Latwaitis

December 15, 2024 - November 10, 2013

Ernest Allen Latwaitis, Sr., 88 passed away Sunday November 10, 2013 at Grand Strand Regional Medical Center in Myrtle Beach, SC.

He was born December 15, 1924 in Ozone Park, NY a son of the late John and Agata Bolnis Latwaitis and was the youngest of their nine children.

Ernest was the owner and operator of JAL Metals in Howard Beach, NY for forty-eight years. He moved to Myrtle Beach in 1990. He was a Life Member of the Long Bay Model Airplane Club and loved building and flying remote control airplanes from childhood. He served in the United States Navy from 1943-1945 where he was a flight student. Mr. Latwaitis started a business with his brothers in 1946 and continued to be in the business for forty-eight years. He was President of the Howard Beach Lions Club from 1973-1975, member of the American Legion-Murrells Inlet and volunteered at Grand Strand Regional Medical Center where he was awarded Volunteer of the Year in 2002. He continued volunteering there until his death. He loved to take his family on camping vacations and make it a learning experience. They traveled as far north as Prince Edward Island, out west to Yellowstone and south to Key West. He was a member of Shepherd of the Sea Lutheran Church. He was an unselfish father, driving his children to baseball game, Rainbow DeMolay, family gatherings, fixing motorcycles, bikes and cars for the neighborhood. He was always willing to help whenever he could.

Survivors include his wife of sixty-four years, Joan Sellars Latwaitis of Myrtle Beach, SC, his five children Kathleen, Ernest, James, Mary and Richard, 15 grandchildren, 13 grandchildren, 3 great-great grandchildren and extended family and friends.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday November 12, 2013 at McMillan-Small Funeral Home from 5:00-7:00 PM.

Funeral services will be held 10:00 AM, Wednesday November 13, 2013 at the chapel of McMillan-Small Funeral Home with Pastor Brad Bellah officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery in Conway.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Grand Strand Regional Medical Center Scholarship Fund, 809-82nd Parkway, Myrtle Beach, SC 29572.

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