



## John Zakian

October 6, 1931 - February 25, 2013

John F. Zakian

Passed away peacefully on February 25, 2013. Born in Newark, NJ, John was 81 years old. John was the son of Oscar and Victoria Zakian of Staten Island, NY. He was a resident of Willingboro for the last 47 years. John Zakian enlisted and served with honors in the Marine Corps in 1947. He served with distinction in all of his assignments and was recommended to become an officer in 1966. John served in Morocco, North Africa in 1960 and was awarded the "Navy Marine Corps Medal" which is the highest award for heroism during peacetime. As a "Marine Mustang" he rose to the rank of Captain before retiring 1970. After retiring from the Marines, he joined the New Jersey Capitol Police. He was attached to the Division of Law and Public Safety. He retired from the State in 1992. Marine Zakian was very active in the Burlington County Detachment #695 of the Marine Corps League. John's activities included Department Commandant, Department Marine of Year and most proud of being Honorary Past Commandant of NJ. His involvement with civic organization translates to his being an excellent citizen as well as an outstanding Marine. He took great pride in being a Marine Mustang and belongs to V.F.W., Second Marine, Division, NJ Sheriffs Assoc., NJ Fraternal Order of Police, American Legion, USS Missouri Assoc., Retired Officers Assoc., National Rifle Assoc., Marine Corps Heritage Foundation, Navy Memorial Foundation and NJ Retired Police and Fireman's Assoc. Beloved

husband of 59 years to Anne Marie (née Healy). Loving father of Joanne Marie Scanlon, John Francis Jr., Catherine Elizabeth Reynolds, Jane Frances Bankovich (John), the late James Gregory (Michele) and Christine Ellen Zakian (Ron Dubas). Loving grandfather of William (Jamie), Jamie Sue, Joseph (Nancy), Robert, James, Lindsey, Alex, Michael, Caryn and Matthew and great grandfather of Alayna, Liam and Sebastian. Brother of Lucy Mazelis, Charles Zakian, Victoria Celio and the late Jack Zakian. Relatives and friends are invited to attend John's Life Celebration and Viewing Thursday 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. and Friday 9-10 a.m. at Snover/Givnish of Cinnaminson 1200 Route 130 North. His Funeral Mass will follow 10:30 a.m. at Corpus Christi Church, Willingboro, NJ. Interment, with Military Honors, will follow at NJ Veteran's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Marine Corps League Auxiliary Scholarship Fund 109 Manor Lane Willingboro, NJ 08046 and/or Wounded Warrior Project at [woundedwarriorproject.org](http://woundedwarriorproject.org)

To share your condolences and your fondest memories of John, please visit [www.snovergivnish.com](http://www.snovergivnish.com)

# Previous Events

## Mass

MAR 1. 10:30 AM (ET)

Corpus Christi RC Church  
11 South Sunset Road  
Willingboro, NJ 08046

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Zakian*

September 09, 2022 at 01:27 AM



“ *Dear Anne Marie, Elsie and I wanted to add condolences. We are so sorry to learn of John's passing and especially that we were not able to be there to support you in you time of loss. Know for sure we loved John and love you. Words cannot express appropriately how much we respected John and though we did not see you guys much you were always close in our thoughts and hearts.Love, Cousin Bud*

April 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ann, Al and I are so sorry to hear about John. We just found out in the newsletter. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Al & Gerry Kurtz*

March 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our Condolences. We were so sorry to hear of the loss of your loved one. We're sending you a hug from afar.Prayers to your family.In Christian Love, The Petrovich Family*

**yvonne cooper** - March 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Anne.... My deepest sympathy to you and you family. John will indeed be missed.Semper FiU. Len Morrow*

March 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ OUR LOVE GOES STRAIGHT TO HEAVEN TO OUR UNBELIEABLE BROTHER WHO IS WITHOUT A DOUBT OUR "HERO". HE WAS ONE IN A MILLION AND HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. HE IS IN GOD'S LOVING HANDS AND ENJOYING THE LOVE OF HIS HEAVENLY FAMILY. ALL OUR LOVE FOREVER...LUCY AND JOE, ADELE, VICKI AND CHARLIE. XO XO

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March 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Aunt Anne & Family My heart broke when I heard my Godfather was gone. I'm so sorry that I cannot be with you all at this time. Everyone is in my thoughts and prayers. Bambilynne Anne Zakian

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**Bambilynne Zakian** - March 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ My Memories of Mr.Zakian were of a proud and strong man who had a great sense of humor and life. I am saddened to hear of his passing and will always cherish all that he taught me growing up in Willingboro. The lord has a soldier.

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**mark belcher** - March 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Aunt Anne...I was honored to be a part of today. He was a role model for me and there is no one that I can think of that I respected more. His advice led to the happiness in my life! Aim High!

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March 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ Anne, we are sorry to hear about John and he will be missed by many. Rest in peace our mentor and friend. There is another angel to watch over all of us.

Tom - February 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Dear Vicki You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Words are pale when trying to express feelings of losing a loved one. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Anthony R Moscato - February 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ February 29, 2013 Dear Anne & Family My sincere Sympathy for the loss of John (SEMPER FI). His love of Family, Country & Marine Corps was beyond reproach. He was a man I had the utmost respect & admiration for . I will never forget him. George Bartell

February 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Semper Fi from your brother Marines at the Staten Island Detachment. MCL

Marine Corps League SI Det No 1 - February 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ God has gained another strong Angel. John, you will be missed. We send our deepest sympathies and will miss our run-ins at the local grocery store.

Karen - February 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Dearest Anne and family, We are so sorry to hear of John's passing. He was a wonderful friend and shipmate on the USS Missouri Marine Detachment with Bud. He will be missed. John is our prayers. Anne I am so sorry for your loss Bud and Barbara Cain, Brielle, N.J.

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February 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Joanne, It was wonderful to have had the chance to meet your father. He seemed a strong, loving, fine person. You were so blessed to have him in your lives. I know he will be so very missed by everyone. My prayers and thoughts are with you at this time. Barbara Fisher

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February 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ John will long be remembered for his wonderful smile, caring ways and ability to always make one feel good. He's going to be missed by our Marine family. "Someday all your tears will turn into happy memories". Love to you all. The Undercufflers

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**Luretta Undercuffler** - February 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I didn't get to spend as much time with my Babook as I would have liked, but the time I did spend with him was always full of love and happiness. He will be greatly missed, and with a heavy heart I send my love to you all.

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**Jamie Sue Zakian** - February 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Our deepest sympathies and condolences to Jane and the rest of the family. You are all in our thoughts and prayers through this very difficult time. God Bless your family.

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**Dave** - February 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ My deepest sympathies to my Aunt Anne and her family. I pray that God gives all of you the power to calm your spirit and ease your pain. I am so sorry I can't be there with all of you. I Love You.

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**Robin Lattimer** - February 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, Jane.

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**Jeff Southworth** - February 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ My heart goes out to you and your family Jane. I'm so sorry for your loss. You will all be in my prayers.

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**Becky Gibbs** - February 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ God has another fine man. Jane and Family, please know he is in good hands. My deepest condolences.

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**Anne Mills** - February 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ To all of you, John will always be in our hearts, I will always love his sense of humor, the love he had for his family and friends. God is having a great man at the Gates to guard His Kingdom and I know Mom Clara is making sure Marines the men we lost to God from the Det#695 have re-grouped to do their job up there. My beautiful Anne our hearts are with you and all th kids. All our love Eileen & Phil Foga

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**Philip Foga** - February 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Jane, Amy and I are keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. We are so sorry for your loss.

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**Glenn Moon** - February 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM