

## Joseph A. Portman III



Joseph A. "Jay" Portman III, 84, of Dunkirk died Saturday morning, August 31, 2019 at the Chautauqua Nursing and Rehab Center in Dunkirk. He was born November 4, 1934 in Bridgeville, PA, son of the late Joseph II and Jean (Burdis) Portman.

At the age of 16, Joe's family moved to Sherman to begin grape farming. Joe began working at Welch's in Westfield, served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Boston CAG-1, then nearly a decade in the office at True Temper, retiring from Niagara Mohawk Power Company following almost 25 years.

Joe idolized Elvis Presley and enjoyed his many friends at private clubs.

He was a proud lifetime member of Blessed Mary Angela R.C. Parish, Northern Chautauqua Conservation Club, Moniuszko Club, Beaver Club, past member of the Moose Club, Dom Polski Club, VFW Post #62, Marine Corps, Frank Aquavia Club and First Ward Falcons Club.

Survivors include his wife of over 55 years, Carol (Drag) Portman and their daughter, Maureen (Joe Pace) Portman; Justin Huss and Clarissa Portman; and sisters, Joan Grant and Judy Hartken. Preceded in death, in addition to his parents, is a brother, Jon.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, September 2 at 10:00 AM in Blessed Mary Angela R.C. Parish Church of St. Hedwig. Interment will be in St. Hyacinth's Cemetery.