

OBITUARY

John J. Fazekas, Sr., 97, of Hackettstown, NJ, died Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at home. John was born June 13, 1920 in Betts Hospital, Easton, PA. He was the son of the late John H. and Anna (Regitz) Fazekas. In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by his first wife, Jane E. Gruendyke, in 1946. He served proudly in the Army Air Corps during World War II from 1942 to 1946, working as a cryptographer in the Asiatic Theatre of Operations in the South Pacific. As a member of the headquarters and base squadron, 337th Air Service Group, he, along with other officers and enlisted men, received a personal commendation for working under intolerable conditions during the installation of tactical communications for the 413th Fighter Group. In addition, he was awarded three bronze campaign stars during his service. He graduated from New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT), Newark, NJ, and was previously employed by Ingersoll Rand, Phillipsburg, NJ, as an engineering draftsman, retiring in 1975. John was a member of the Trinity United Methodist church, Hackettstown, where he served as a member of the Board of Directors and a Sunday School teacher. He was an honorary member of the Hook and Ladder Company, Post 272, Hackettstown; and a member of the American Legion, Post 273, Madeira Beach, FL, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 282. John was awarded the Warren County Distinguished Military Award in 2004. He was also a former member of the Civilian Conservation Corps. He is survived by his loving wife: Shirley L. (Smith) Fazekas; his daughter, Lynn and her husband, Hector; two sons, John, Jr. and Ron, and grandchildren, J. Lance, Ashley, Lance, and Carson. A graveside service will be held at 12 noon on Tuesday, May 29, at Union Cemetery, Mountain Avenue, Hackettstown, with Dr. Rev. Frank Fowler officiating. For those desiring, donations may be made to the American Legion, Blue Ridge Post 164, P.O. Box 332, Hackettstown, NJ 07840 in memory of John. Cochran Funeral Home 905 High St. Hackettstown, NJ 07840 (908) 852-3361

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