



CHOSIN RESERVOIR DETACHMENT #968
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
THE CHOSIN NEWS



JOSEPH "SUPERMAN" CELENZA
STAFF SERGEANT, U. S. MARINE CORPS
KOREAN WAR



"CELENZA, Joseph "Superman". Beloved husband of Doris M. (nee Goodrich) Celenza; Devoted father of Lynda (Paul) Anderson, Dean (Tricia) Celenza and the late Tim Joseph Celenza; Dear grandfather of Christopher Anderson, Stephanie (Jason) Spoolstra, Beth, Brian, Anna and Joseph II Celenza; Brother of Frank (Elaine) Celenza; Saturday, November 28, 2009; Age 78.



Served four years in Marine Corps. Always said "Once a Marine, always a Marine". He operated two mortars single handedly all night in the Chosin Reservoir so that many Marines could walk out of trap before him. As a Mortar Marine, Joseph served in Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division. Battles: Pusan Perimeter - Inchon - Seoul - Wonsan - Chosin - Operation Killer. For his Korean War service, Joseph was awarded two Bronze Stars.

He was a member of the Greater Cincinnati Chapter 121 of the Korean War Veterans, the Chosin Few and American Legion Post #530.

Funeral Service will be at Paul R. Young Funeral Home 7345 Hamilton Ave., Mt. Healthy on Wednesday at 12 Noon; Friends may call Wednesday from 10 AM until time of service.

Remembrances may be sent to USO Inc. PO Box 96860 Washington, DC 20077-7677 or Grace Fellowship Church 9379 Gunpowder Rd. Florence, KY 41042. Condolences may be sent to www.paulyoungfuneralhome.com



Marines from **The Chosin Reservoir Detachment Casket & Funeral Guard** were honored to serve as Casket Guards during the Funeral Visitation period. The detail consisted of Walter Golladay, Chuck Klosterman and Bob Collier.



Following the funeral service, Marines from Communications Company (-), Headquarters Battalion, 4th Marine Division, assembled at the Arlington Memorial Gardens to render Military Honors. The Senior Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge (NCOIC) was 1st Sergeant Douglas Turner.