



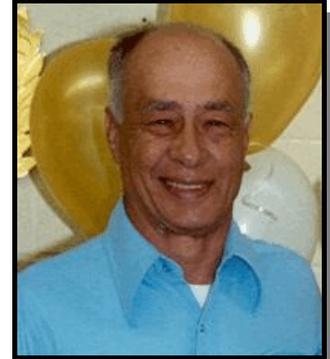
**CHOSIN RESERVOIR DETACHMENT #968
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**CORPORAL JOHN "JACK" FORSTE
3RD MARINE DIVISION - USMC
27 AUGUST 1943 - 4 JULY 1946**



**25 MARCH 1925 - 16 OCTOBER 2007
DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP, OHIO**



Visitation: Family will receive friends Sunday from 5:00 pm - 8:00pm October 21, 2007 at Tufts Schildmeyer Family Funeral Home , 129 N. Riverside Dr., Loveland, Ohio 45140 **Funeral Service:** Services will be held at 11 am Monday October 22, 2007 at Tufts Schildmeyer Family Funeral Home, 129 N. Riverside Dr., Loveland, Ohio 45140 **Interment:** at Entombment - Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Montgomery, Ohio

John "Jack" Forste of Deerfield Township. Beloved husband of Boots Forste (Nee Holbrook) for 58 years. Jack and Boots were married 12 March 1949 in Montgomery, Ohio. Loving father and father-in-law of David J. and Nancy Forste. Grandfather of the late Christopher D. Forste. Jack is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Jack served his country honorably during WWII as a Mortar Crewman with the 3rd Marine Division, in the United States Marine Corp. Jack enlisted on 27 August 1943 and was Honorably Discharged on 4 July 1946, as a Corporal. He subsequently enlisted in the Naval reserve on 31 March 1947 and was Honorably Discharged in March 1952, as a Seaman.

Whether you knew him as "Pappy," as "Poppy" or as "Jack," if you knew John Forste at all, you know that he embraced life and wouldn't give up without a fight. On Oct. 16, he lost his fight for his life. But for those who loved him, he lives on in our memories and in the stories we will always be able to share about him. It's important that people know just how much Jack fought and just how hard the battle was. Ultimately, his body had simply been subjected to too much suffering and trauma, and he was left with just a shadow of himself. Again, if you knew him, you know he would not have wanted to go on that way. He was admitted to Jewish Hospital in Cincinnati last month to undergo a fairly routine surgery to treat a painful diverticulitis condition, as well as an abscess of his colon. Unfortunately, the surgery was more complicated than the doctors had hoped; they had to perform it through a traditional incision rather than arthroscopically, because the abscess was much bigger than expected. Jack seemed to respond well to the surgery for the first two days, but on the third day he aspirated on blood and had a heart attack. He was moved to the intensive-care unit, where he improved somewhat for several weeks before being transferred to Drake Rehabilitative Center. From that point on, things went downhill, and he was moved back to the ICU. All told, Jack aspirated two more times and had two more heart attacks. His family and team of doctors discussed Jack's prognosis, which was very poor. The doctors all agreed that because of the neurological damage he had suffered, he would never live a productive life again, never be able to sit at the table and have dinner, wander around the yard and hunt moles or spend quality time with his family. Those who knew Jack also know that existing in a vegetative state was no kind of life that he would want. On Oct. 16, Jack Forste lost his fight and succumbed to death after 82 wonderful years of living.

Marine Corps League Honor Guard for the Visitation was provided by *Chosin Reservoir Detachment #968* Marines consisting of Fred Renton, Chuck Klosterman, Mike Miller and Walter Golladay.

Veterans of Foreign War Honor Guard for the Funeral was provided by the *South-West Ohio VFW Memorial Team*. The team included Cdr Larry Hollander; Sr. Vice Cdr David Conley; Flag Memorial members Talmage Henry, Chaplain Don Philips & John Miller; Color Guard members Don Edmunds, Don Parker, Lantie Wilson & Tom Baker; and Firing Squad members Leo Ferguson, Bill Davis, Gary Morgan, Bob "Pappy" Lally, George Goewey, George "Sarge" Brown & Larry Breeze.