

### John D. Juracko, 90

First Sergeant John D. Juracko, 90, of East Jordan, died Monday, July 19, 2004, at the East Jordan Adult Foster Care Facility, Inc., in East Jordan.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 23, at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan. The Rev. Jim Gardner will officiate, with military services following at Sunset Hill Cemetery in East Jordan.

John was born on March 28, 1914, to John D. and Mary Juracko in Marianna, Pa.

He joined the United States Marine Corps in 1936 during the Great Depression. John was a "China Marine," serving his country in China before the outbreak of World War II. He served throughout World War II, and also during the Korean conflict, retiring in 1960 with the rank of 1st Sergeant.

John loved the Marine Corps and after he retired he became a member of the Northern Michigan Detachment of the Marine Corps League. He very much enjoyed participating in the meetings and fellowship and camaraderie of this

very close group of former Marines. He especially enjoyed the many parades they participated in and handing out American flags each June to remind his fellow Americans that Flag Day was approaching.

John was a member of St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church in Jordan Township, Antrim County and St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan.

He will be remembered by many friends who cared for him throughout the years.

John is survived by many nieces and nephews; close friends, Paul and Linda Michael, of East Jordan; as well as his adopted family in the United States Marine Corps. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Joseph, Paul and Andrew; two sisters Mary and Julia; and a very special friend and companion for many years, Mary Gower of East Jordan.

The family will receive friends from 2-8 p.m. Thursday, July 22, at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc., in East Jordan, where a prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Memorials may be given to John D. Juracko Memorial Scholarship Fund, in care of Charlevoix County Community Foundation, P.O. Box 718, East Jordan, Mich. 49727.



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