



John A. "Banjo" Anthony

September 20, 1924 - February 27, 2016

JOHN A. "Banjo" ANTHONY, 91, of Dutch Hill, Parker, Pa. passed away at 7:20 AM Saturday morning (02-27-16) at his residence of infirmities of age. Born on September 20, 1924 in Parker, Pa., he was the son of the late James Gay and Daisy Louise Gibb Anthony. While in high school at the former Parker High School, he enlisted in the United State Army Air Force on March 26, 1943 and served until Honorable Discharge on February 28, 1946 with the rank of Corporal. Serving in both Europe and Africa, he was assigned to the 2008th Engineer Aviation-Firefighting Platoon. He earned the Sharpshooter Carbine Medal, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater, European, African-Middle Eastern Theater, and World War II Victory Medals. "Banjo" was a life-member of VFW Post 7073 and member of American Legion Post 598, both of Parker. He was long time advisor and several decade trustee of the VFW Post. Until ill health recently prevented his participation, he was absent from only three veteran funeral or memorial services since 1946. Not only was he member of firing squad services at funerals, but he was always involved marching with the joint groups at ALF Festival in Clarion, various community day services, and annual REA Annual Meeting color guard. Following the war, he became employed by Knox Glass Corp. (later Glass Containers Corp.) at the Parker plant from where he retired in 1980 with 39 years of service. His father and brothers all were glass manufacturing employees. Mr. Anthony was a founding and charter member of the Perry Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. where he served as chief of the department for many years. He was a life member of

the Parker City VFD where he was presented the annual award for "Outstanding Community Service" in 2006. "Banjo" or Jack, of which he was both known, worked well into his late eighties doing home repair including roofing for family and folks in the Perry Twp. and surrounding areas. His stonework and major roof work is evident in countless homes today. With all this ability in both glass manufacturing and home repair, this was done without a high school diploma. At the Veterans' Day program at Allegheny-Clarion Valley School at Foxburg on Nov. 9, 2012, Mr. Anthony was finally presented his long awaited high school diploma in a very emotionally-charged gathering of his entire family. In addition to acquiring historic artifacts of the area, he was an avid hunter including this past hunting season. For all the work on behalf of veterans, VFW Post 7073 sponsored a trip to Washington, D.C. for the dedication of the World War II Memorial for "Banjo", brother "Fritz", and their wives. He is survived by his wife, the former Dorothy "Dot" McCoy whom he married July 2, 1943, and they had celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary this past year. Surviving also are daughter Carol Anthony Brown and companion Howard Lubbert and son Kevin and wife Lucinda Anthony, all of Parker. Surviving also are four grandchildren: Crystal Over, Melody Nordquist, Josh and Cody Anthony, and four great-grandchildren: Tabitha Saye, Caitlin Nordquist, Carly and Abby Over. His brother, Frederick "Fritz" and wife Mert Anthony survive in St. Petersburg, FL. A sister-in-law, Blanche Anthony of Parker and a brother-in-law, Gordon Chestnut of Ohio also survive. In addition to parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Gail Dianne Anthony, brother Robert Walter Anthony (1982), and sister Daisy Lou Chestnut.

Tribute Wall

AF

“ A candle was lit by Andy Miller & family

on March 1, 2016 1:23 AM

Andy Miller & family - January 15, 2019 at 01:01 PM

KS

“ A candle was lit by Kathy Savage

on February 29, 2016 8:58 PM

Kathy Savage - January 15, 2019 at 01:01 PM

TW

“ A candle was lit by Tim weckerly

on February 29, 2016 8:09 PM

Tim weckerly - January 15, 2019 at 01:01 PM

NW

“ Dot, Carol, Kevin, Lucinda, Mel, Josh and Cody, So very sorry to hear about Banjo. He was a great man with a heart of gold. Always had a story and a smile. He was one of a kind. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this this difficult time. May God hold you all close and give you comfort. Love and hugs for all.

Nancy Wagner - January 15, 2019 at 01:01 PM

NW

“ A candle was lit by Nancy Wagner

on February 29, 2016 7:49 PM

Nancy Wagner - January 15, 2019 at 01:01 PM

DG

“ My thoughts and prayers go out. May the good lord comfort your family in this time of sadness.

Dan Gothe - January 15, 2019 at 01:01 PM

DG

“ A candle was lit by Dan Gothe

on February 29, 2016 7:13 PM

Dan Gothe - January 15, 2019 at 01:01 PM

BP

“ We will miss all the stories Banjo would tell and his smiles. May God give you all comfort and peace. Know that you are in our thoughts and Prayers.

Bob and Bonnie Parenti - January 15, 2019 at 01:01 PM

LP

“ I have so many memories of Banjo. In most of them, he was sitting in the chair by the kitchen door at Grandma and Pap's. We never went without cherries or pumpkins or random old doors :) The most poignant memory by far, the one burned into my mind, is Banjo saluting my dad's casket. I can picture all those he sent off welcoming him with that same salute. Love and prayers.

Lacy Buzard Patrino - January 15, 2019 at 01:01 PM

JC

“ My prayers go out to Banjo's family. I had the pleasure of working with him from 1970 to 1980. He was a wonderful guy and I have many fond memories of him. Sometimes he would tilt his head and give me a big smile just before asking me a question about myself. He always made me feel important. That is a great quality and I'm sure he has passed that down to his family. RIP Banjo!

James Callender - January 15, 2019 at 01:01 PM

AS

“ A candle was lit by Anthony Smith
on February 29, 2016 4:56 PM

Anthony Smith - January 15, 2019 at 01:01 PM

SW

“ A candle was lit by Shawn Hilliard and Vivian Wolfe
on February 29, 2016 4:55 PM

Shawn Hilliard and Vivian Wolfe - January 15, 2019 at 01:01 PM

ES

“ A TRADITIONAL FUNERAL BASKET was ordered on February 29, 2016

Expression of Sympathy - January 15, 2019 at 01:01 PM

GB

“ A candle was lit by Greg Bowser
on February 29, 2016 3:55 PM

Greg Bowser - January 15, 2019 at 01:01 PM

TS

“ A candle was lit by tracy shaw

on February 29, 2016 3:49 PM

tracy shaw - January 15, 2019 at 01:01 PM

SS

“ A candle was lit by Steve and Darla Saye

on February 29, 2016 3:44 PM

Steve and Darla Saye - January 15, 2019 at 01:01 PM

JM

“ A candle was lit by John R. & Jamie K. Myers

on February 29, 2016 2:46 PM

John R. & Jamie K. Myers - January 15, 2019 at 01:01 PM

LH

“ A candle was lit by Lisa Howard

on February 29, 2016 2:39 PM

Lisa Howard - January 15, 2019 at 01:01 PM

GA

“ We salute this WWII veteran and thank him for his brave service for our country. May his family be blessed with the presence of God's love until the day you are reunited with your loved one in the eternal life.

Grateful Americans in the Butler PA area - January 15, 2019 at 01:01 PM

SG

“ My heart goes out to all of you, May gods angels wrap you in their wings and bring you comfort and peace. I remember him coming over to Uncle Ron Callanders when we would visit him and Aunt Ellen, So sorry for your loss Dot, Carol and Kevin. he's marching in gods parade of angels now.

Sue Gilbert Gindlesperger - January 15, 2019 at 01:01 PM

ES

“ A RAY OF SUNSHINE was ordered on February 29, 2016

Expression of Sympathy - January 15, 2019 at 01:01 PM

RB

“ A candle was lit by Richard & Joan Blymiller
on February 29, 2016 10:14 AM

Richard & Joan Blymiller - January 15, 2019 at 01:01 PM

ES

“ A TRADITIONAL FUNERAL BASKET was sent on February 29, 2016
With Sympathy - Nicholson Construction Company

Expression of Sympathy - January 15, 2019 at 01:01 PM