



John Luike Sr.

July 10, 2003

Capt. Jack M. Luike, Sr. of Betterton, MD died on Thursday, July 10, 2003 at Chester River Hospital Center in Chestertown, MD. He was 79.

Born in Betterton, MD on August 20, 1923, he was the son of the late John William and Dorcus Myers Luike.

He attended school in Betterton and Chestertown before working as a waterman at the early age of 13. He continued to work in this capacity until being drafted in the United States Army where he served in the South Pacific as a boat captain during World War II. Mr. Luike was honorably discharged in 1946 and returned to Betterton, MD. In October of 1947 he went to work for Aberdeen Proving Grounds as a patrol boat captain and also operated a private ferry service out of Betterton taking employees to and from work. Mr. Luike retired in January of 1987 with 42 ½ years with Aberdeen. Following his retirement, Mr. Luike was in charge of caring for the beaches in Betterton.

He was a 64-year member of the Betterton Vol. Fire Dept. and a 56-year charter member of C. Henry Price Post #246, American Legion in Betterton. He enjoyed people and held much pride for being a native resident of Betterton.

He was predeceased by his wife, Esther Faebus Luike in 1990.

Mr. Luike is survived by four children, Jackie Luike, Jr. of Betterton, MD, Janet Nordhoff of Rock Hall, MD, Jone Luike Gsell of Worton, MD and Jeffrey Luike of Galena, MD; two sisters, Caroline Wodosky of Farmington, CT and Ruth Parker of Los Alamos, NM; five grandchildren, Jacqueline, Jessica, Frederick, Forest, and Codie and one great grandson, Jason.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, July 14, 2003 at 11:00 AM at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., 130 Speer Rd., Chestertown, MD where relatives and friends may call on Sunday, July 13, 2003 between the hours of 7:00 and 9:00 PM. Interment will be in Still Pond Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Betterton Vol. Fire Dept., P.O. Box 235, Betterton, MD 21610.

Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., Chestertown, MD 21620.

Tribute Wall



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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *John Luike Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM