



## John L. Prettyman, Jr.

May 26, 1917 - June 12, 2010

John Lank Prettyman, Jr., age 93, of St. Michaels, passed away on June 12, 2010 at the Envoy of Denton after a short illness.

He was born in Easton on May 26, 1917 to John Lank Prettyman, Sr. and Helen May Prettyman. He graduated from Tilghman High School in 1934 and joined the U.S Army that July where he attained the rank of Technical Sergeant before his enlistment was up. On December 7, 1941, he was stationed at Schofield Barracks in Oahu, Hawaii and was working on the docks unloading a supply ship when the first bombs fell on Pearl Harbor. He served his country honorably, earning the Asia Pacific Service medal and Good Conduct Medal and was on a ship headed to Okinawa, Japan, when the war came to an end.

After military service he spent time as a crew member on the motor yacht Masquerader, owned by John Charles Thomas, but his heart and mind were never far away from the Chesapeake Bay and his sweetheart, Regina. When his ship docked in the area, he would always take the long walk up Tilghman Road to see the girl he loved so much. On September 28, 1946, he married his "Regina May Dakin" and for the remainder of their life together referred to her as his "first wife". He always spoke lovingly of her talents in the kitchen and could tell you exactly how many meals she had cooked for him over their almost 64 years together. He always let her know he enjoyed every bite.

He is survived by a son, John Lank Prettyman, III and his wife, Debbie Pillsbury; two daughters, Sally P. Bertics and her husband, Larry Bertics, and Donna P. Hunt and a very close family friend, Mike Estrella; his oldest granddaughter, Melissa Bentz (Brad) who was like a daughter to him; four other grandchildren, Frank J. Bertics, Anna Bertics, Lara Prettyman, and John Lank Prettyman, IV; his great grandchildren, Brendan Bentz, Mariah Bentz, Danielle Bentz, and Gabrielle Bentz; and three siblings, Betty P. Black of Easton, Bill Prettyman of Georgia, and Shirley P. Haddaway of Easton. He is further survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

After his discharge from the Army, he was owner of Modern Painters, a paint contracting company for over forty years. He was a member of the VFW, Pearl Harbor Survivors, the American Legion, and a past member of Rotary.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Virginia Ann Prettyman, and a son-in-law, Freddy Hunt.

His funeral service will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, June 18, 2010 at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. in Easton, where friends may call one hour prior to the service.

Interment will follow at Woodlawn Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, his family requests that donations be made to the St. Michaels Fire Department, 1001 S. Talbot St., St. Michaels, MD 21663.

Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. in Easton, MD.

# Tribute Wall



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