

John William Kight

July 8, 1921 - December 6, 2016

Born July 8, 1921 in Hazelhurst, Georgia, and passed away December 6, 2016, in Sacramento, CA. He was preceded in death by his parents, John E. and Donnie Kight, siblings Gertrude Sinclair, Adelle Crosby, and George and Gene Kight, wives Doris Kight and Jimmye Kight and grandson Ricky Staggs. He is survived by his wife Joan Boyd, children Donna Staggs, J. Charles (Ann) Kight, and Julie (Tim) Reardon, six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and siblings Mary Lee, Betty Faulk, Charles E. Kight, Sr., Donna Skeen, and Dianne Kight.

John proudly served his country for six years in the Navy aboard the USS La Vallette DD 448, which was the only American destroyer to be both torpedoed and mined during World War II. He served on the destroyer following repairs for damage sustained in an air torpedo attack in the Solomon Islands that killed 22 crew members and wounded four. He fought in 21 major battles including Leyte Gulf. His ship was the only ship to get a 21-gun salute when the ship returned to San Francisco as the war was ending.

John retired from California State University, Sacramento after 27 years as the supervising painter for the campus.

Services will be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. at Sierra View Funeral Chapel, 6201 Fair Oaks Blvd., Carmichael.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances in John's memory can be made payable to University Foundation at Sacramento State for the "Joan Boyd Scholar Award" and sent to the College of Business Administration, Development Office, CSU Sacramento, 6000 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95819-6088 OR The National World War II Museum, National Processing Center, P.O. Box 97336, Washington, DC 20090-7336.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC 14. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ Fare well to a dear friend and old bowling buddy from Georgia. Your life was full of history with great stories full of fun and laughter...Roy Rogers and bowling together, Ms. Kitty from Gun Smoke with the Humane Society and a few opinions on Nancy Reagan while helping with the remodeling of the Governor's Mansion. After 9/11 the attack hit deep into you heart and serious stories came rushing out that you shared with me. You wanted your lost metals back and it was a honor to do that for you. You were Navy all the way and a great patriot. I played and listened to the Navy Hymn in respect for you and time served. As you would say, "Ah, we were just crazy young boys ready for the fight and proud of it". You use to joke about someday being together again with your lost young friends from the USS LaVallette and swimming with some pretty mermaids. Enjoy your reunion before you go to rest with the Lord. I will miss you my old friend especially our talks on Veterans Day. Rest in Peace and condolences to Joan and the family. From Janet Beasley and my husband Joel

Janet Beasley - December 13, 2016 at 02:12 PM

JF

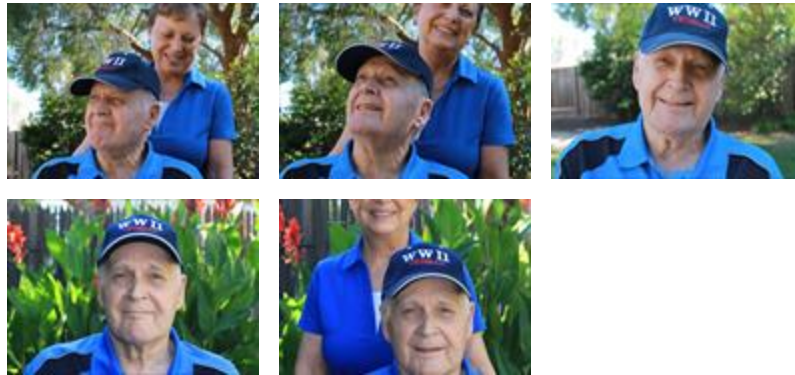
“ James & Deborah Fazzino lit a candle in memory of John William Kight



James & Deborah Fazzino - December 10, 2016 at 09:28 PM

Julie Reardon

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Julie Reardon - December 10, 2016 at 05:01 PM

Julie Reardon

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Julie Reardon - December 10, 2016 at 04:59 PM

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Kirsten Kight Fazzino - December 10, 2016 at 03:36 PM

RD

“ I am sorry to hear about your Dad's passing and my condolences to you and your family during this difficult time. So many memories to treasure forever! Rita Donahue

Rita Donahue - December 10, 2016 at 10:23 AM

DS

“ We are so sorry and send condolences to all of you. Joan, what a blessing you have been for Buddy!! Charles, Julie and Donna, we know how much you loved your dad!!
What a wonderful man and a loving dad. I only wish I could have been closer to spend more time with all of you. We send our love to all of you. May he rest in peace.
Love,
Donna and Gordon

Donna Skeen - December 10, 2016 at 07:05 AM

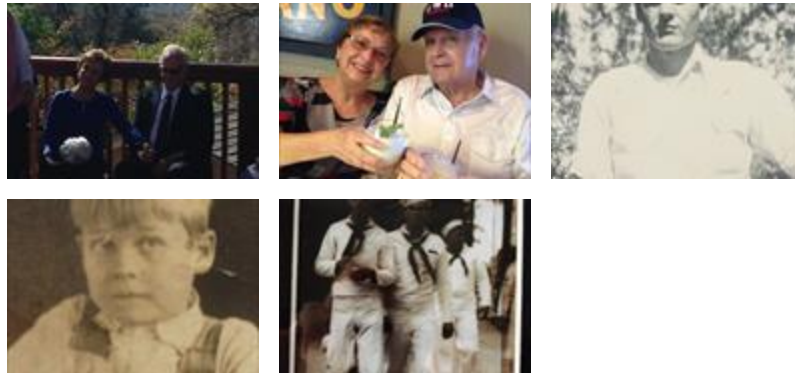
SB

“ Julie - Im so sorry for your loss and extend my deepest sympathy to you and your entire family. My thoughts are with all of you

susan block - December 09, 2016 at 08:15 PM

Julie Reardon

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Julie Reardon - December 09, 2016 at 06:06 PM

SB

“ My grandfather was a strong man who loved his family and was proud to serve his country. I love ❤️ you Grandpa... you will be missed. Your loving granddaughter Shelley



Shelley Brown - December 09, 2016 at 05:56 PM

JH

“ I am so very sorry to hear about the passing of your Dad. I am so glad I had the chance to socialize with him. What a great man! Julie Woodworker Hubbs

julie w hubbs - December 09, 2016 at 05:28 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



Sierra View Funeral Chapel and Crematory, Inc. - December 09, 2016 at 04:00 PM