
Maurice Lee Wentz

Maurice Lee Wentz, 85, of Brooklyn, died Sept. 7 at John Hopkins Bayview Hospital after a brief illness.

He was born April 13, 1924 in Mint Hill, North Carolina.

Mr. Wentz was in the Marines from 1942-1949 during World War II rising to the rank of Sgt.

He served in 1st Marine Div. Guadalcanal and was the recipient of many medals including the Asiatic Pacific with 4 stars, Presidential Citation 3 stars, American Theatre, Navy Commendation, Good Conduct, American Defense, and the American Combat. Mr. Wentz was in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1950 until he retired in March 1, 1964. He was Chief Petty Officer. From 1964 until 1989, Mr. Wentz worked at Westinghouse as a radar inspector and from 1990 until he retired in June 2009 he worked at Gonce Funeral Home as a host and driver.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, American Legion and 1st Marine Dir. Group.

His interests included flying small aircraft, coaching baseball, country music, and he enjoyed spending time with family especially attending grandchildren' school games and theater performances.

He was preceded in death by one son, Maurice Lee Wentz, Jr. He is survived by his wife, Eva L. Wentz, whom he married in 1952; two sons, Kenneth Lee Wentz, of Brooklyn, and Lewie W. Wentz, of Pasadena; two daughters, Connie Weitzel, of Centreville, and Carmen Wentz Schumacher, of Ellicott City; one brother, William Simon Wentz, of Charlotte, N.C., one sister, of Jacksonville, N.C.; 9 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Friends and family may visit Sat., Sept. 12 and Sun., Sept. 13 from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Gonce Funeral Home, Brooklyn Park where Christian Wake and Funeral Mass will take place on Monday, Sept. 14 at 11 a.m. Interment to follow at Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Crownsville.



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