

John G. Domalakes

FRACKVILLE — John G. Domalakes, 94, of Frackville, died Monday, July 16, 2007 at Broad Mountain Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Born on May 30, 1913 in Gilberton, Pennsylvania, he was a son of John A. and Anastasia Radzivicius Domalakes, both of whom had immigrated from Lithuania. In 1923 the family moved from Gilberton to Frackville where his father maintained a tailor shop for 28 years.

Mr. Domalakes graduated from Frackville High School in 1931 where he starred in basketball and track. He was also a graduate of McCann's School of Business, Mahanoy City, and opened Frackville Insurance Agency in Frackville in 1937 where he was a partner of the late Osborne Wisansky, Esquire.

He had served as president of the North Schuylkill Insurance Association, was the treasurer of the Shenandoah Mutual Insurance Company and was a member of the Independent Insurance Agents Association and Professional Insurance Agents Association of Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware.

He also served in the European Theater during World War II in the 213th Division of the U.S. Army. He participated in the Invasion of North Africa in 1942 during which his ship was torpedoed by the enemy. He participated in six major battles, North Africa, Sicily, the Italian peninsula, France, Belgium and Germany and was awarded six battle stars. After the war he returned to Frackville where he remained in the insurance and real estate business until 1985. The Frackville Insurance Agency is now operated by his son Lawrence Domalakes.

He had been a parishioner of Annunciation BVM Church in Frackville since 1923, serving as an usher and collector. He had been a member of Frackville Rotary Club and Treasurer of Frackville's VFW Post. He is a member of the American Legion Post 398, Frackville Historical Society, Frackville Library Century Club, Six County Fireman's Association, and a life member of the Good Will Hose Company, Frackville, and the Frackville Elks B.P.O.E. He enjoyed attending the reunions held annually in Lebanon County of his Army Unit. He was honored as Frackville's Citizen of the Year in 1994. He was also honored by the Election Bureau of Schuylkill County for having a perfect 50-year voting

record, even during the time he was in the military. He enjoyed watching baseball, basketball and was an avid Penn State football fan and raconteur.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Sarah Jane Wetzel Domalakes, to whom he was married 58 years, who died in April of 2005; two brothers, Dr. Edward Domalakes of Omaha Nebraska and Alex Domalakes, who died in a mining accident in 1922; two sisters, Valeria Morrison of Biloxi, Mississippi and Theresa Pacella of New York City.

He is survived by four children, the Honorable John E. Domalakes and his wife, the former Suzanne Peters, Paul Domalakes, Esquire and his wife, the former Patricia Kiefer, Lawrence Domalakes and his wife, the former Ann Mae Hombosky and Gail Domalakes; and a sister, Alberta Domalakes of New York City, 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Annunciation BVM Catholic Church, Frackville.

The Rev. Dominik Kalata will officiate. Friends may call from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the church and from 9:30 a.m.

until time of Mass on Thursday morning. Interment with Military Honors will be in the Parish Cemetery, Englewood, Butler township. In lieu of flowers, please make donation to the Frackville Library New Building Fund.