



Joseph R. Stotesbury

February 2, 1916 - August 19, 2017

Joseph R. Stotesbury, age 101, of La Plata, MD, passed away at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home on August 19, 2017 with his wife and daughter by his side.

He was born in Pantego (Pike Road), NC, the fourth of nine children born to the late Joseph L. Stotesbury and Annie S. Davis Stotesbury.

He was a U. S. Army World War II veteran (34th ENGR BN – Schofield Bks/CO “C” 65th ENGR BN 25th Division) and Pearl Harbor survivor. He served at Luzon, Guadalcanal, Northern Solomons, Central Pacific and received the American Defense Medal with one bronze star, Asiatic Pacific Theater Campaign Medal with four bronze service stars, and Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one bronze star.

After the war, he was employed by the Capital Transit Company and later served as a Supreme Court of the United States Police Officer. He was a charter member of both the Ft. Dupont Masonic Lodge, Washington, DC and the Oxon Hill, MD Masonic Lodge. He enjoyed playing checkers and billiards with friends at the Clark Senior Center in La Plata.

He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Cecile; daughter Jennifer; sons Brian and David Paul (died in infancy); five grandchildren and two great

grandchildren.

A special thank you to the MedStar St. Mary's County Hospital Hospice and to the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home staff for their care and support.

A private service and interment will be held at Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph R. Stotesbury*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Joseph R. Stotesbury*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM

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“ Dear overseas family,

I'm so very sad to know that Jo has died. (Although I think that reaching 101 is a fine achievement!) I'm Cecile's sister, Rae Andrews, writing from Wellington, New Zealand. I first met Jo when he came home with my father, Monty Muir. We four girls, Cecile, Beth, Joan and I lived in Claudelands, Hamilton with our parents. Jo and Cecile hit it off and Jo eventually proposed marriage. This meant the Muir family had to farewell her on one of the "bride ships" that sailed for the US with a cargo of young New Zealand women who had fallen in love with US marines. Jo was a lovely, gentle, funny man. I was endeared by his shy ways. My fondest memories are of the times we had together as family at Waihi Beach at my mother's bach; swimming; laughing and having picnics over the hill from the beach at Orakawa in a pristine bay where huge pohutukawas overhung the white sand.

My thoughts are with you, Cecile, and your dearest.

Love from Rae Andrews, Sprott House, Karori, Wellington.



Louise Wrightson (Rae's daughter) - August 29, 2017 at 02:18 AM

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“ To the Stotesbury family,
I am so very sorry to hear of the passing of your very much loved
husband, father and grandfather. I will be praying for God's love and
comfort to surround you and for you to recall wonderful memories
that will give you joy in your sorrow. Sending love and hugs to Brian
and Diane. Sincerely, Cindy (Maines) McNally

Cindy McNally - August 24, 2017 at 12:40 PM