



Herbert Charles Rafetto Jr.

April 23, 1923 - February 4, 2016

Herbert C. Rafetto, Jr.

Age 92, of Applewold Borough, passed away on Wednesday, February 4, 2016.

Born on April 23, 1923 in Philadelphia, PA to the late Herbert (Kathryn L.) Rafetto, Sr. He is preceded in death by sister, Kathryn L. Beupre; and son, Herbert Rafetto, III. He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Jean Rafetto; children, Susan Morgan, Marti (Ed) Kubatko, and Judy (Mark) Jack, all of Kittanning; 9 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren.

Herbert attended MIT and graduated from Lehigh University with degrees in Industrial and Mechanical Engineering. He was a World War II veteran and served as an engineering officer on a U.S. Navy mine sweeper.

He moved to the Kittanning in 1963, bringing Big River Manufacturing to the area and he finished his career as a mechanical engineer at R.B. Shannon and Associates.

At the request of the family, there will be no visitation or service.

Memorial donations may be made to the Kittanning Public Library, 280 North

Jefferson Street, Kittanning, PA 16201, or the American Heart Association, <http://www.heart.org/HEARTORG/>.

Tribute Wall



“ *Herbert Charles Rafetto Jr.*

October 09, 2023 at 09:55 AM



“ *Herbert Charles Rafetto Jr.*

October 06, 2023 at 11:36 AM

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“ *Herbert C. Rafetto, Jr. will always be "Mr. Rafetto" to me. I am so blessed that my young life intersected with the Rafetto family at such a pivotal time in my life. Their eldest daughter, Susan, was my very first love. It has been on my bucket list for many years to tell Mr. Rafetto, and his lovely wife, Jean, what it meant to my self-esteem, and self-worth to have been allowed to date their Susan, and to be included and treated with such kindness, dignity, and respect. It saddens me that I never told them how much influence their kindness had on my future life. Mr. Rafetto never knew the positive imprint he had made on me. For Susan, her father hung the moon. Among the many loving stories, I have never forgotten her story about how Mr. Rafetto underwent risky, painful elective surgery on his knees in order to meet the physical requirements required to serve in the United States Navy during World War II. It is such an honor to have known you, Mr. Rafetto, and to have the opportunity to pay tribute to a life well-lived. You have walked the walk. Rest in peace.*

My sincere condolences to the Rafetto family for your loss. I know you will forever miss him.

*SHERMAN "RANDY" MC NEELY
Chief Warrant Officer
United States Army (Retired)*

CWO SHERMAN R MC NEELY USA RET - August 09, 2016 at 06:01 PM

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After discovering the passing of your Mom and my post at her obituary, I also revisited your Dad's as well and remembered a couple of things that I should have included. I'll add them now and hope they bring a smile to your face and warm your hearts.

More than likely you don't remember, however your father and I were both born on April 23rd. For my 19th birthday in 1961, Susan gave me three polo shirts made at Greenway Manufacturing. I still have those well-worn shirts!! I wish I could send you a picture of them knowing you would probably get a giggle seeing them. Again, hope my reflections are uplifting.

SHERMAN "RANDY" MCNEELY

CWO SHERMAN MCNEELY USA RET - March 07, 2025 at 04:48 PM

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“ *Herb and Jean were wonderful customers at my photo shop in Klttanning, Condolences to Jean and the family. Carol French*

Carol French - February 07, 2016 at 09:08 AM

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“ *SORRY TO HEAR HERB'S PASSING.
STARR & LEWIS EMRICK. NAPLES, FL*

LEW & STARR EMRICK - February 05, 2016 at 04:00 PM