



The Honorable John Richard Falcone, 86, of Erie, passed away, Friday, February 3, 2017 at his residence surrounded by his loving family.

Loving father, grandfather and great grandfather, he was born on October 23, 1930 in Erie, son of the late John P. and Harriet (Arters) Falcone.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Carolyn Jean (Moore) Falcone.

Survivors include his children, John R. Falcone, II and his wife, Mary of Conneaut, Ohio, Shawn Marie Gorrington and her husband, Scott of Erie and Robert G. Falcone and his wife, Susan of Clermont, Fla; six grandchildren, Emily, Abigail Falcone, Scotty Gorrington, Casey DiGange and her husband, Todd, Robert "R.J." Falcone, and Neal Miller; first-time great grandfather to Sophia DiGange; two brothers, James Falcone and his wife, Jackie of North Carolina and Fred Arters and his wife, Barb of Ohio. John had many close friends, Jim Toohey, Cam and Jay Cimino, Dimattio, Divecchio, Barbato, Bellomini, Damore Families and many more; nieces, nephew, great nieces and nephews also survive.

The Falcone family would like to thank Home Instead of Erie. The wonderful care givers Debbie Cochran and Barb Khayami, Marcus Sayre, Bill Jewell and Eboni Carson and the outstanding family members that were always there to care for John; Dik and Cheryl Yannitello, Bill and Carol Brown, and Ruth Waidley.

John was interested in scouting and joined the BSA's Troop 72 and achieved the rank of Eagle Scout and inducted into the Order of the Arrow. He served in both the U. S. Navy and U. S. Army in Korea and Japan during the Korean War; as a counter-intelligence corps Intelligent Analyst. He received the Korean Service Medal from the Government of South Korea, the Nation Defense Service Medal and Meritorious Union Citation from the United States and the United Nations Service Medal.

He was a student in the very first class at Behrend Center in 1946; a graduate of Penn State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree and the Dickinson School of Law and earned a law degree, while attending Dickinson School of Law, he served as President of the Sadler Club and on the SBA Board of Governors and the Third Circuit Assistant Vice President. He was admitted to practice law in State and Federal Courts, including the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in 1960. Served on Pennsylvania Attorney General's staff in 1981 and to serve as State Common Pleas Judge to fill a vacancy in Erie, appointed Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Erie County. A member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association and Erie County Bar Association and was elected to be a Director of the Erie County Bar Association and served as President.

John and his wife, Carollyn owned and operated Carollyn's Homemade Ice Cream in Erie. They loved to travel, traveling around the world. He enjoyed golf, bowling, tennis, skiing and other sports; served as Director of the Erie District Bowling Association and was awarded the 700 Club membership with a score of 740, also as a golfer, he scored 4 holes-in-one and won the Erie District Golf Association Senior Handicap Championship. A longtime member of the Lawrence Park Golf Club, he was a member of the Friars Golf Club traveling with friends and golfing a couple times a week. He was active with the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of America. Served as Board member of the Erie Community Foundation and established a foundation in the name of himself and wife Carollyn. He was involved in many clubs and associations, was a longtime member of the Wolves Club, founding member of the Mazzini Association, The Sons of Italy, Erie Maennerchor Club and Siebenbuerger Club,

John was instrumental in developing and establishing St. Paul's Neighborhood Free Clinic and served on the Board of Directors.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Merle E. Wood Funeral Home, Inc., friends may call at the Brugger Funeral Homes and Crematory, 1595 West 38<sup>th</sup> St. at Greengarden Boulevard, with visiting hours on Tuesday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Wednesday from 2:00 to 4:00 and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and are invited to attend a prayer service at the funeral home on Thursday at 9:15 a.m. followed by a funeral mass at St. Paul Church at 10:00 a.m.

Entombment with military honors will be in Holy Family Mausoleum in Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Erie Community Foundation, 127 W 6th St, Erie, PA 16501 or Alzheimer's Association, 1600 Peninsula Dr., Ste. 15, Erie, PA 16505.