



## Joseph Oettinger

November 21, 1925 - December 20, 2020

Joseph Robert Oettinger, Sr., age 95, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Dec 20, 2020. Joseph was born in Rockville Centre, NY to parents Katherine Stadler and Fred Oettinger, and grew up in Lynbrook and Port Jefferson. Joseph entered the Navy during WWII and was a plank owner of the USS Harry F. Bauer (DM-26). His ship was assigned to the Pacific as an antisubmarine patrol, mine sweeper, mine layer, and conducted shore bombardments. He was assigned to the Pacific and participated in the invasion of Iwo Jima and the battle of Okinawa. He received numerous military awards including the Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon for the Okinawan campaign and four bronze battle stars for the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign. When he returned to civilian life, he went to work for Pfizer in Brooklyn NY as a pharmaceutical supervisor, and eventually moved to Ocala, FL during his retirement. While living in NY, he stayed active with the American Legion and VFW. He was Past Commander of the Lynbrook VFW Post 2307 and Past Commander of the East Rockaway American Legion Post 958. His hobbies included staying active with the VFW, American Legion, Bingo, and doing Jigsaw puzzles. Joseph always looked for the good in others and in life, always enjoyed meeting and working with people, and will be missed by those who were lucky enough to know him. He was well-loved. Joseph is survived by his wife of 14 years, Susan Samuels, son Joseph, Jr. (Holly), grandchildren Joseph, "J.R." III, and Amy (Chris Anderson) and great-granddaughter, Kaylin. He is predeceased by his parents, his sister

Anna, first wife, Jean Roy, daughter Janice, and 2nd wife, Pauline Cerio. A memorial service is planned for the spring or summer of 2021 at Long Island National Cemetery in Farmingdale NY.