

# Marvin Demanzuk – Radar Observer Chaplain 39<sup>th</sup> BG Assoc – 2010-2014

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October 1945 on terminal leave.

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Marvin Demanzuk, 94, went to be with the Lord on February 3, 2014. He was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Olive Elizabeth Scott. He is survived by his 3 daughters – Jane Webb and David of Rogers, Arkansas; Donna Wilems and Jon of Kerrville, Texas; and Ruth Paschall and Jim of Cape Haze, Florida; grandchildren Ryan Rice, Allison (Trent) Jackson, and Michael (Kristi) Scott; and great-grandsons Andrew and Lincoln Scott. Beyond his immediate family, there is a lengthy list of extended family and others who loved him dearly.

Marvin was born in Flushing Meadow, New York on December 31, 1919 to his immigrant father from the province of Galatia near Ukraine. Despite the difficulties of growing up during the Depression, Marvin overcame obstacles to become a successful stock broker and investment banker in a career that spanned many decades.

Earning the rank of Captain in the Air Force, he served as a Radar Operator/Navigator as Deputy Flight Leader on Crew 2, 60<sup>th</sup> Squadron of the 39<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group during World War II, flying bombing missions from the base on Guam to targets in Japan. He passionately regaled war stories to any interested party, and remained an active participant in the 39<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group reunions and provided volumes of material for their website. His heroic service to our country and his selfless service to God and his fellow man were integral parts of what made him the amazing man that he was, every day that he walked on this earth.

After the war, Marvin and Olive resided in New Orleans until 1956, Houston until 1997, Rogers Arkansas until 2001, and he has lived in Englewood since 2001. He attended Boca Grande United Methodist Church and was a volunteer in the office and for the website, a Small Group discussion leader, and a Stephen Minister.

A true scholar of all subjects, with the sharpest mind one could ever imagine, he could recall dates, times and places of **any** event in history. And his heart was as large as his mind was keen. He enriched every life he touched.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the 39<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group Association, c/o Liz Van Kampen, 5418 Honeysuckle Lane, Oregon WI 53575-1751; the Commemorative Air Force at 4730 George Haddaway, Addison Texas 75001; or Lighthouse United Methodist Church (941-964-2479).