

John Gawa, 67, Veteran Of WW II

John Gawa of Radnor, a veteran of World War II, died Aug. 23 at Bryn Mawr Hospital. He was 67.

A native of Detroit, Mr. Gawa entered the Army Air Corps before World War II, planning to be a career officer. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, he was assigned to bomber groups flying out of Africa, Italy and England.

In 1944, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for combat service as a radar man, navigator and bombardier. He became a captain.

Illness forced his retirement in 1950. He returned to school and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School. He also attended graduate school at Temple University.

Mr. Gawa worked for insurance companies and Publicker Industries Inc. He took an interest in Republican politics before his assignment auditing the work of federal contractors.

Mr. Gawa was an active member of St. Katharine of Siena Church in Wayne, and a member of the Retired American Officers Association.

Surviving are his widow, Elizabeth H. Stoetzel Gawa; a daughter, Judy Durso of Roxborough; a son,



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John of Maple Shade, N.J.; two grandchildren, Kimberly and Christopher Durso, and three sisters, Anne Szalanga, Olga Halushka and Mary Ladouceur.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Aug. 27 at St. Katharine of Siena Church. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made in his name to the American Heart Association, Main Line Council, 123 Bloomingdale Ave., Wayne, Pa. 19087.