



**GRAVES, JOHN PROCTOR O.D.**

**Co F 382<sup>nd</sup> Infantry**

June 7th, 1923 - April 18th, 2013

John Proctor Graves, O. D. passed away April 18, 2013 at Standish St. Mary's Hospital at age 89. He was born June 7, 1923 to Dr. Smith H. and Myrtle (DeBoy) Graves. John was a lifelong Standish resident though he loved to travel with his family. He married Anna Marie (Annie) Hagley on September 20, 1949. They were married 50 years when Anna Marie preceded him in death in 2000.

He is survived by his children Dr. John (Kathy) Graves, Judy Graves, Elizabeth (Gary) Foster, Mary Chudej and Jeanne (Michael) Sekely, eleven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and nephew Edd (Nancee) Devlin.

Coming home after serving his country in the U.S. Army in the Pacific during World War II (1943-1946), John followed the family tradition of becoming an optometrist and joined his father Smith in the Standish business in 1949. John Proctor practiced optometry for over 60 years. His son John Smith Graves eventually took over the practice in 1987. John was a dedicated husband and family man, enjoying camping throughout 45 of the contiguous states with his wife and five children. In recent years, he traveled with family members to Europe and across the United States attending 96th Infantry Army reunions. He was a longtime member of the Standish Lions Club, the Masonic Lodge, VFW and Grace Episcopal Church where he served on many committees and helped to organize numerous community events. In recent years, he enjoyed writing guest history articles for the Arenac County Independent. Gardening and riding his bike were two things he enjoyed.

Cremation has taken place but there will be a visitation to share memories about John with his family on Saturday, April 27 from 10:00 AM until service time at 1:00 PM at the R. O. Savage Funeral Chapel, with Father Peter Cominos presiding.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Leader Dog for the Blind, 1039 S. Rochester Hills Rd, Rochester Hills, Michigan 48307.