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Deadeye Julius H Gerson

**382nd Regiment, Co K
96th Infantry Division**

Jules (or Julie) grew up in The Bronx, NY with his parents Louis and Ida and his younger siblings, Selma and Barry. Living “around the corner” from Yankee Stadium helped develop his love of baseball as a high school 1st baseman and for his favorite team.

He was inducted into the Army in Feb 1943. He did basic training at Fort Dix, NJ before being accepted into the ASTP in Chicago, IL and was then transferred to the 96th Infantry Division in March 1944. He served overseas in the South Pacific at Leyte and Okinawa. In April 1945, due to heavy Japanese artillery and mortar fire, he fell off a ridge during the Battle of Okinawa severely injuring his right knee. He received an honorable discharge due to disability in December 1945. Among the decorations he was awarded are the Combat Infantryman Badge, Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

After the war he attended New York University on the GI Bill and graduated with a degree in Accounting. He married his wife Pearl in 1949 and moved to Teaneck (later Hillsdale), NJ. They were married for 60 years, had 4 sons, Robert, Jeffrey, David, and Steven and 7 grandchildren, Suzanne, Amy, Michael, Melissa, Carly, William, and Samantha.



Jules had a long, successful career as a self-employed CPA in Bergen County, NJ.

He and Pearl retired to Delray Beach Florida where he enjoyed traveling, golf, bridge, crossword puzzles and regular visits from his kids and grandkids. And, of course, if the Yankees were playing the TV was on.

Jules loved life and he lived it by his own motto. He said, “I survived the war, every day since has been a bonus.”