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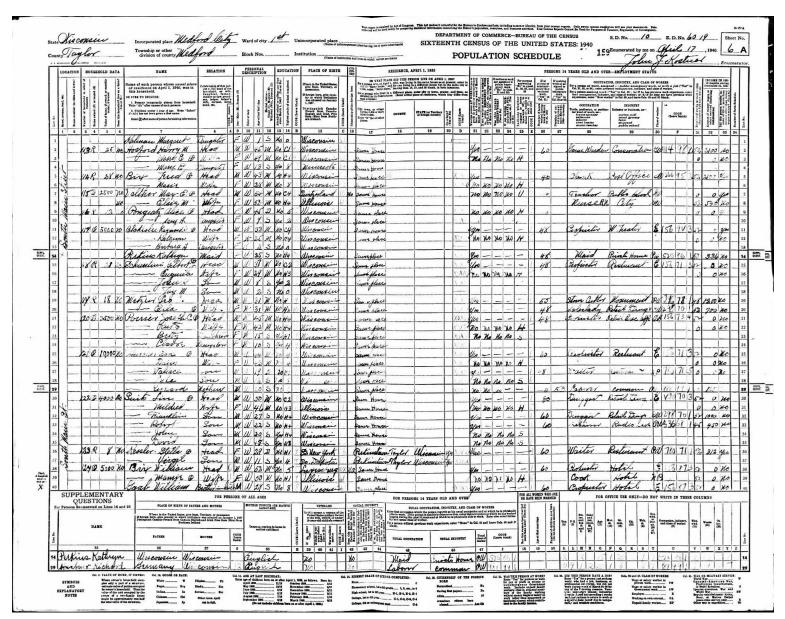
John Gilbert Schantini

1931 - 2023

Corporal: United States Marine Corps

Korean War

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1940 United States Census

"1940 United States Federal Census," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed May 4, 2024), entry for John G Schantini, Medford, Wisconsin.

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Gilbert Schantini (John's Father) Obituary

"G. J. Schantini Dies in Colby," Marshfield News-Herald (Marshfield, WI), October 10, 1949.

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Transcription:

"Colby—Gilbert J. Schantini, 47, Colby, died at 7:40 p.m. Sunday at his home following an illness of three years. Death was attributed to multiple sclerosis.

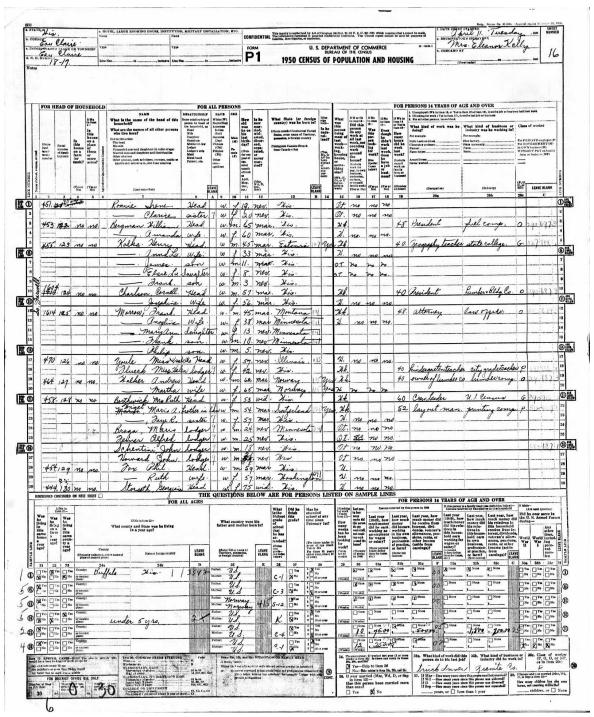
Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the First Congregational Church at Park Falls. The Rev. B. F. Schoenfeldt will officiate and burial will be in the Park Falls cemetery. Masonic rites will be observed.

The body will lie in state at the Lulloff Funeral Home in Colby from tonight until Tuesday evening, when it will be taken to the Gilman Funeral Home in Park Falls.

Gilbert Schantini was born April 2, 1902, in Little Black, a small village near Medford. When he was 2 years old his family moved to Park Falls and he received his education there. On Nov. 8, 1930 he married Eugenia Coffey in Michigan.

Following his marriage he lived for two years in Indianapolis. In 1932 he moved to Medford and he operated a restaurant there for six years. He moved to Colby in 1940 and worked as a salesman for a candy manufacturing concern. Until the time of his illness he had been operating the Bid's Eat Shop in Colby.

Survivors include his wife and two sons, Jack, a student at Eau Claire Teachers College, and Jay, 12, at home. Five sisters; Mrs. Earl Dixon, Proctor, Minn.; Mrs. Elle DeMars, Bovey, Minn.; Mrs. Jake Kronberger, Milwaukee; Mrs. Vernon Heath, Racine, Miss Matilda Schantini, Monterey, Calif.; and a brother, Oscar Schantini, Racine, also survive. His mother, Mrs. Josephine Schantini, Racine, is also living."



1950 United States Census

"1950 United States Federal Census," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed May 4, 2024), entry for John Schentini, Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

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"U.S., Marine Corps Muster Rolls, 1798-1958," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed May 6, 2024), entry for John G Schantini.

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"Florida, U.S., Arriving and Departing Passenger and Crew Lists, 1898-1963," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed May 6, 2024), entry for John G Schantini.

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Article on John's Role in Miller Brewing Company (Part 1)

Rosemond, Jim, "Visits To 27 Countries Makes Native Authority," *Fort Lauderdale News*, January 27, 1960.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/230323160/?clipping_id=146365256

Transcription:

"Our Number One business in Fort Lauderdale is TOURISM.

And today we introduce one of our Number One boosters in that field.

He is John G. Schantini, 1543 SW 19th Ave., sales representative for the Miller Brewing Co.

That Schantini is qualified is attested in the number of foreign lands he has visited in the course of pursuing his occupation.

He has just returned from his latest tour for his company and chalked up 70,000 miles.

A few days ago he was visiting the famous beaches in Hawaii. And here is his first-hand observation:

"Hawaii's famous Waikiki is no where near the beach we have in Fort Lauderdale!

While we don't have the Diamond Heads. Mountains, the beach there is shallow and there is an over-abundance of seaweed and rocks. Here we have the finest beach in the world!"

Schantini feels that the Chamber of Commerce could go "all out" in advertising our beach.

In his most recent trip, he visited, besides Hawaii. Guam, Japan, Hong Kong, Korea, the Philippines and Alaska.

27 COUNTRIES

He departs March 1 for Madrid, North Africa, Rome, Athens, Istanbul, Pakistan, Arabia, Eritrea and British Arabia. His contracts are mainly with military posts. In a ten month period he has visited 27 countries.

Schantini found great contrast..."

(The article then continues several pages in the newspaper later; the next entry in this source packet details said continuation.)

(Additionally, a picture of John in Alaska is shown. The caption is as follows:)

"Alaska provides a thrill for John G. Schantini of Ft. Lauderdale. Here he is shown trying out the local "transportation"—a dog sled. Jed Stoddard, a local "sourdough" assists. It was all "a part of business for Schantini who has just completed a 70,000 mile trip."

Article on John's Role in Miller Brewing Company (Part 2)

Rosemond, Jim, "Areas In Pacific Making Gains In Education," Fort Lauderdale News, January 27, 1960.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/230323161/?clipping_id=146365330

Transcription (continued from previous page):

"...in Korea at military posts compared with conditions in 1951, when he served there with the U.S. Marines..."

(*Omitted for brevity.*)

"...Mixed emotions exist in the Philippines, the population being divided over its opinion of the United States. 'Some feel that we are the greatest people, while others look upon us as imperialists,' he observed.

Schantini spent a full week on Okinawa.

'One could put Okinawa down anyplace in the United States and it would not look out of place. There are four lane highways, good schools and everything is progressing,' he reported.

Health conditions seemed generally good in all the countries he visited. Education has made rapid strikes since the war and English is spoken in all walks of life.

It was Schantini's second visit to Alaska this year. On his first visit he had 21 days of daylight and on the most recent one only four hours..."

(*Omitted for brevity.*)

"...Schantini has been with Miller Brewing for six years. He was assigned as sales representative a little over a year ago. The company sells in 67 countries.

He is a native of Park Falls, Wisc. He resides here with his mother, Mrs. Eugenia B. Schantini.

Fort Lauderdale will be his permanent home, he says, and the city is proud to have a booster who will carry our message to the world."

John Promoted to Draft Manager of Miller Brewing Company

"Appointments," Atlanta Journal, October 16, 1962.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/970620371/?match=1&clipping_id=146365826

Transcription:

"John G. Schantini has been named to the newly created post of draft manager for the Southern region of Miller Brewing Co. of Milwaukee. The appointment was announced by Joseph S. Signaigo, Southern region sales manager. Mr. Schantini is a native of Park Falls, Wis. He held positions in Milwaukee sales promotion, international sales and Southern region sales before assuming his new post."

Eugenia Schantini (John's Mother) Obituary

"Area deaths," Brown County Democrat (Nashville, Indiana), July 13, 1988.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/163923555/?terms=schantini&match=1

Transcription:

"Eugenia Bridget Schantini, 75, of Seminole County, Florida died Friday, July 1, 1988, in Longwood, Florida.

She had been a resident of Brown County for a number of years before moving to Florida in 1982.

Services were at Lanam Ridge Cemetery Wednesday with Bond Mitchell Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

She was born October 7, 1912, in Park Falls, Wisconsin, the daughter of John and Alice Hughes Coffey.

Survivors include a son, John Schantini of Florida and a sister, Mercedes Lancaster of Largo, Florida."

Marilyn Schantini (John's Wife) Obituary

"Obituaries," Orlando Sentinel, September 2, 1990.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/229914261/?terms=schantini&match=1

Transcription:

"Marilyn Jean Schantini, 54, 110 Elderberry Lane, Longwood, died Saturday. Born in Hunting, W.Va., she moved to Longwood from Brookefield, Wis., in 1972. She was a homemaker. She was a Baptist. Survivors: husband, John G. "Jack"; daughters, K. Michelle, Lisa D., both of Longwood; mother, Ruth Navarre, Buchanan, Ga.; brother, Robert D. Navarre, Buchanan. Baldwin-Farchild Funeral Home, Forest City."

Name **John Gilbert Schantini**

Sex Male

Father's Name Gilbert John Schantini

Mother's Name **Eugenia Bridget Coffey**

Spouse's Name Sandra Roberts

Spouse's Sex Female

Spouse's Father's Name <u>James Purnell Dale</u>

Spouse's Mother's Name Fern Lucy Wilson

Event Type Marriage

Event Date **28 Apr 1991**

Event Place Montgomery, Alabama, United States

Marriage to Sandra Roberts

"Alabama County Marriages, 1908-1950," database, *FamilySearch* (familysearch.org: accessed May 7, 2024), entry for John Gilbert Schantini.

https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QG1Q-2N2G

John's Daughter's Engagement Announcement

"Engagements," Orlando Sentinel, September 24, 1998.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/234612096/?match=1&clipping_id=146538941

Transcription:

"John G. Schantini and Sandra Schantini, both of Altamonte Springs, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa D. Schantini, Orlando, to Richard W. Richter III, Orlando, son of Richard W. Richter Jr., Pulaski, N.Y., and Janice Knight, Orlando. She is also the daughter of the late Marilyn J. Schantini. The wedding is Oct. 10. She graduated from Lake Brantley High School, Altamonte Springs, and Valencia Community College, Orlando. He graduated from West Orange High School, Orlando."

John Schantini's Interview for the UCF Veterans History Project

John Schantini, interviewed by Kelly Dibilio for the University of Central Florida's Veterans History Project, Longwood, Florida, February 26, 2015,

https://stars.library.ucf.edu/veteransoralhistories/372/.

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John Schantini Obituary

"John "Jack" Gilbert Schantini," *Neptune Society*, accessed August 26, 2024, https://neptunesociety.com/obituaries/altamonte-springs-fl/john-schantini-11119983.

Transcription:

"John 'Jack' Schantini, 91, born in Park Falls, WI on October 4, 1931 passed away peacefully on January 22, 2023 in Orlando, FL. Jack grew up in Colby, WI on hockey skates and playing basketball, football, and baseball. He was called to serve and chose the Marine Corp because he wanted "a round trip ticket". Jack served in Korea and was honorably discharged. Then went to Milwaukee to work for the Miller Brewing Company in Sales for the next 18 years and traveled to 52 countries selling beer. The opportunity arose for Jack to go to work for the Perlick Company, a leader in commercial bar and beverage equipment. He was a top salesman for over 40 years.

Jack loved golfing, flying, boating and traveling. He is survived by his wife, Sandee Dale, two daughters, Karen and Lisa (Richard), five grandchildren, Richard, Rachel, Stephanie, Tiffany and Nicholas and two great-grandchildren, Leila and Mackinley.

There will be a Celebration of Life for Jack at Village on the Green on Saturday, March 11, 2023 at 2pm. If you would like, donate to the Central Florida Foundation/Brede-Wilkins Scholarship Fund at Village on the Green or AdventHealth Hospice.

He was bigger than life and will be missed by many!"



John Schantini's Headstone in Cape Canaveral National Cemetery

UCF Veterans Legacy Program, *Headstone for John G Schantini*, photograph, 2024, Cape Canaveral National Cemetery, Mims, Florida.