

Maurice E. Beaulieu, Sr., age 99, much loved husband, father, uncle, grandfather and great-grandfather, passed away peacefully on July 2, 2020 in Norfolk, VA. Married 62 years to Jeannette Estelle "Janet" Beaulieu, the love of his life, they parted only when he lost her to heaven in 2004.

Born in 1921 in Lowell, MA to Robea Ducharme Beaulieu and Leo H. Beaulieu, Maurice was raised in Lowell, growing up two blocks from Janet on the same street.

Joining the Navy after Pearl Harbor, Maurice started flight training early in 1942 and became a naval aviator known as "Buzz" to friends and fellow pilots. Janet and Buzz married in Florida once he earned his pilot's wings and was completing advanced flight training. In the 78 years since then he has become one of the Greatest Generation's last surviving WWII combat veterans.

Ensign Beaulieu deployed to the Pacific Theater with renowned Air Group 20, Fighter Squadron 20 aboard USS ENTERPRISE (CV-6) flying F6F Hellcat fighters in combat. Promoted to Lieutenant (j.g.) he flew in numerous combat air operations including the Battle of Leyte Gulf and the Second Battle of the Philippines. Buzz earned the Silver Star Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross and nine Air Medals, among others. Though he rarely spoke of his combat experiences he never forgot the seventy-one (71) Navy personnel from Air Group 20 who did not return from the Pacific War.

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A special thank you to my cousins Mike, Michele and Marc and their families for their consideration, kindness, and support.

Hugs and blessings to you all ♥♥!