# **Jerome Marks**



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Jerome Marks

Naples, FL

Jerome Marks, 90, of Naples, FL, died on Memorial Day May 27, 2013. He was born August 10, 1922 in St. Louis, MO.

During World War II Jerome enlisted in the U.S. Army and served four years in the South Pacific in Signal Intelligence Service as a cryptographer and cryptanalyst in the Japanese language. He received a presidential citation and was very proud of his part in saving the lives of many American servicemen.

He graduated with a degree in journalism from the University of Missouri and became a reporter and editor for several U. S. newspapers including

editor of International News Service (INS) in Chicago, IL.

He opposed the use of criminal news, which he called 'the police blotter' to fill a newspaper.

He directed political campaigns and wrote speeches for politicians.

He retired as Director of Industrial Development for the Seaway Port Authority of Duluth, MN, and moved to Naples, FL.

He was an avid baseball fan.

In Naples he volunteered as a judge for the Collier County High School Academic Tournaments and for the middle school Scholar Bowl.

He is survived by his dearly beloved wife of 65 years, Helen. He was a devoted father to Gail MarksJarvis and Joy Howard; a devoted grandfather to Rebecca Jarvis, Lauren Jarvis, and Nathan Howard. Jerome looked forward to meeting his new greatgrandson, Louis Howard.

Jerome's family is following his lead in journalism. Gail is a syndicated columnist for the Chicago Tribune, and Rebecca is a correspondent at ABC.

Jerome will be greatly missed for his kindness, his intelligence and his sincerity.



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