

Obituary for Scott E. Lark (May 21, 1923 – November 8, 2019)

Scott E. Lark, MAJ, USMC (Ret.) of Clinton, Maryland, passed away at the age of 96 surrounded by loved ones on November 8, 2019. Scott was born on May 21, 1923, one of 12 brothers and sisters, of which he was the second youngest. After a childhood living on a farm during the Great Depression, Scott joined the Marine Corps in January 1942, one month after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. While stationed in North Carolina, Scott met Jane Pearson, a Woman Marine, and they wed in 1944. Scott and Jane were married almost 50 years, until her death in 1993, and they had three children. After a 25-year military career, during which Scott served in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War, he retired with the rank of Major in 1966. He had a second career working for a research corporation, and upon his second retirement in 1987, he began volunteering in his church and local community. Well into his 90s, Scott enjoyed walking around his neighborhood and visiting with beloved family and friends, including his children and their spouses, John (Diana), Ron, and Cindy (Matt); five grandchildren and their spouses, Jenny (Brian), Jon (Annamarie), Scott (Tyler), Jennifer, and Jessie; eight great-grandchildren; special friend Melende; many nieces and nephews; and a host of other neighbors and friends. Scott is preceded in death by daughter-in-law Carol. Scott never forgot many of his faithful childhood companions, especially Jake and Warren Hundertmark. A member of the Greatest Generation, Scott will be remembered by those who love him for his ready laugh, warm spirit, and generous heart. The old adage “once a Marine, always a Marine” is so true, especially with Scott. Semper Fi.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Semper Fi Fund or the Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma, Michigan.