Jules Earl Guglielmo Sr.

Jules Earl Guglielmo Sr., 91, of Lake Charles died peacefully on Feb. 19, 2011, at the Southwest Louisiana War Veterans Home in Jennings.

Born in 1919 in Paulina, St. James Parish, to Joseph F. Guglielmo Sr. and Marie Lucile Trudeau, he was the youngest of five brothers and five sisters, all of whom preceded him in death.

Graduating from Lutcher High School, he attended Louisiana State University where he met and married Vera Grace Guglielmo of Clinton prior to World War II. Having never seen snow at his River Road home on the Mississippi, he was drafted and sent to Fort Hale in the Colorado Rockies and trained to be a ski trooper in Company H, 85th Infantry Battalion of the elite 10th Mountain Division. After training he boarded the USS West Point and sailed to Naples, Italy, where he was sent to the Italian Alps for combat. Returning to his family after the war, he moved to Lake Charles for employment with Cities Service Oil. He worked there until an early retirement, which permitted him to open Guglielmo Insurance Agency and later the Guglielmo Real Estate Agency. In his later life as a real estate broker, he specialized in appraising real estate and taught appraising courses. He was a past president of the local board of realtors.

An avid fisherman, he was proud of his Louisiana state record for a 400-pound Mako shark. His record stood for eight years until beaten by a catch 12 pounds larger. A longtime member of the Southwest Louisiana Fishing Club, he served as president and other officers.

For more than 50 years he was a member of First Baptist Church, serving as deacon and Sunday school teacher. As a Mason, he was active in serving his community and the needy.

Five surviving children were born of his marriage to Vera: Jules E. Guglielmo Jr., Susan Renee Guglielmo, Michael P. Guglielmo and Gregory A. Guglielmo, all of Lake Charles, and Linda Denham of Baton Rouge. His grandchildren include Dr. Kennon H. Guglielmo of San Antonio, Texas, Justin Guglielmo of Shreveport, Ashleigh Guglielmo of Baton Rouge, Melissa Parish of Sulphur, Joseph Guglielmo of Bossier City, Angela Guglielmo of DeRidder and Trace Guglielmo of Lake Charles. These grandchildren provided 10 greatgrandchildren for his legacy. Dozens of nieces, nephews, cousins and in-laws survive to add to his glory. In 1980 he remarried Peggy Ledoux of Lake Charles, who survives him without issue.

A memorial service for his family and close friends will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at First Baptist Church of Lake Charles, 830 Hodges St., in the Family Ministry Center (Bilbo Street entrance).

Donations may be made to Louisiana Baptist Children's Home at 7200 Desiard St., Monroe, LA 71203-3954.

"I fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.” 2 Timothy 4:7