



## John M. Khoury

March 7, 2020

John Michael Khoury

February 8, 1924 - March 7, 2020

Born in Brooklyn to Syrian immigrants, Michael and Marie Khoury, John and his three younger siblings lived in a brownstone on 48th Street. After graduating from Manual Training High School in 1941 John went on to Columbia University where he played football. The United States entered WWII and, like many young men his age, he was called to active duty. He served in the US Army from 1943 to 1946. He fought with the 7th Army in France and Germany as a sniper and rifleman in L Company, 100th Division, 399th Infantry Regiment. He remained in Europe following the war with the Army of Occupation. He was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster for valor, Presidential Distinguished Unit Badge, Good Conduct Medal, European Theater Medal with Three Battle Stars, American Theater Medal, Army of Occupation Medal-Germany, and Victory Medal. He described his view of war from the foxhole in his book, *Love Company*, hoping “to fulfill an obligation to honor, in a small way, the men of my generation.” Upon his return he joined his father in the family textile import business, married his childhood neighbor, Grace Magrabi, and later moved to Tenafly with his growing family. In 1993 they moved to a condo in Harrington Park. He and his brother Russell continued to run the family businesses until

his retirement at the age of 85.

In addition to overseas travel for business, he and Grace traveled with their four children throughout the United States, to Canada, Europe and the Middle East. In the 1990s John and Grace retraced the route through France and Germany that John had taken as a young soldier during the war.

John was a lifelong learner, keeping up with world events until the very end. He encouraged and supported his children and grandchildren in their studies. He was devoted to his wife and family. He served his country in its time of need. His was a life well lived.

He is predeceased by his wife of 68 years, Grace, and his sisters Yvonne and Claire. He is survived by his children Diane Khoury and husband Steve Seyboth, Jeanne Lambert and husband George, Carol Khoury, John Khoury and wife Christiane, grandchildren George and Danielle Lambert, Mark and Nicole Khoury, his brother Russell and family.

Well done, good and faithful servant!

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to The Presbyterian Church at Tenafly or The Salvation Army.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 10. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Barrett Leber Funeral Home  
148 Dean Dr  
Tenafly, NJ 07670  
(201) 568-8043  
<https://www.barrettleberfuneralhome.com/>

## Service

MAR 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

Presbyterian Church at Tenafly  
55 Magnolia Ave  
Tenafly, NJ 07670

# Tribute Wall

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“ I recently purchased a signed copy of *Love Company* and have just started reading it. What a wonderful gift John left to the world. A piece of living history that will continue to educate people about the reality of war through his personal experience. My deepest sympathy to your family. His was truly a life well lived.

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**Felicity Medinger** - August 13, 2020 at 12:14 AM

KB

“ Dear Khoury Family, my sincere condolences on the passing of John M.Khoury. I am a great admirer of the greatest generation, as my father also participated in that noble endeavor. I had the pleasure to read his article in *WW 2 Quarterly* magazine (summer 2017) and to my delight at the end of the article it mentioned John's book. *Love Company*. I was able to purchase a signed copy (he also signed the magazine article for me) and read his story with great delight as I mentioned my father was also an Infantry soldier who side similar experiences all though he did not talk much about it. John's book is a great description of his frightening experiences and did much to help me understand what my dad went through. I am grateful to be able to read his story.

Thank you,

*Kevin Battell Emerson, NJ*

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**Kevin Battell** - March 28, 2020 at 03:53 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of John M. Khoury.



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March 09, 2020 at 10:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of John M. Khoury.



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March 09, 2020 at 10:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of John M. Khoury.



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March 09, 2020 at 08:13 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket* was purchased for the family of John M. Khoury.



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March 09, 2020 at 07:02 PM

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“ Love, Grace and family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of John M. Khoury.



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**Love, Grace and family** - March 09, 2020 at 12:43 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John M. Khoury.



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March 09, 2020 at 12:41 PM

LA

“ Laura & Paul, Karen & Bill, Mickey & Alan purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of John M. Khoury.



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**Laura & Paul, Karen & Bill, Mickey & Alan** - March 08, 2020 at 09:23 PM

PH

“ I remember how great it was for my dad and John to meet and talk about their collective experiences in WWII. Love to all!  
Phil Lomonico

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**Phil** - March 07, 2020 at 04:24 PM