

## John "Gus" Homer



John F. "Gus" Homer, Jr., 78, of 19 Chapel St., Newport, passed away on Friday, October 5, 2007 at the Newport Hospital. Born in Newport on February 12, 1929, he was a son of the late John F. and Edith E. (Myers) Homer.

He was a graduate of Salve Regina University, receiving a BA in Special Education-Psychology. Gus served in the U.S. Air Force and was a veteran of World War II, the Korean War, and Vietnam. After retiring from the Air Force in 1967, he accepted an appointment with the Agency for International Development (USAID) as a Foreign Service Staff employee and was assigned to the Rural Pacification Program in South Vietnam as a Provincial Administrative Assistant. Upon completion of his tour in the Delta Region, he returned to Newport County as a Community Organizer. Mr. Homer served the agency for seven years, rising to the position of Deputy Director. He resigned from New Visions in 1976 to accept a teaching position in Portland Maine as a Special Education teacher working with multi-handicapped students. In 1981 he accepted a position with the Department of Education in Charlotte Amalie, St Thomas, VI. He returned to the states in 1984 and was employed by Kamon Aerospace Corp., Mosseup, CT, until his retirement in 1990. He returned to Newport and resided at Donovan Manor.

He was a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Dennis E. Collins, Division 1 Newport, and a member of the American Legion, Post #1, Paris, France. Gus is survived by his three sons, John F. Homer, III of North Kingstown, Edward K. Homer of Middletown, and Michael J. Homer of Newport; two daughters, Theresa Gizdavitch of Seaside, OR, and Christine Dunn of Sioux Falls, SD; 8 grandchildren, Edward K. Jr, Katie, Joseph, Brittany, Ava, Jon, Avery, and Grace; three brothers, George X. Homer of Harrisburg, PA., Robert A. Homer and James N. Homer, both of Newport; three sisters, Dianne E. Downey and Edith E. Homer of Newport, and Bernadette F. Thibodeau of Middletown. Per Gus's request, all services will be private.