

JOHN AUERBACHER, 81, of **BRICK**, died Sunday, Jan. 21, at Jersey Shore University Medical Center, Neptune, from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident. Born in South Orange, he moved to the Jersey Shore 50 years ago. He graduated from Columbia High School, Maplewood. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a licensed pilot. He retired as an aircraft flight mechanic. He was a member of Civil Air Patrol and commanded the local CAP squadron. He contributed to and was a member of many wildlife and animal charities. He was a member of the American Legion, Brick, Loyal Order of Moose, Point Pleasant, the Disabled American Veterans, and the Benevolent Order of Elks.

He is survived by a brother, Paul P. Auerbacher of Debary, Fla.; a son, Barry J. Auerbacher of Mifflinburg, Pa.; two daughters, Wendy C. Auerbacher of Lakewood, and Robin Henner of Westhaven, Conn.; and four grandchildren, Dane Auerbacher of Lakewood, Carly B. Auerbacher of Philadelphia and Mifflinburg, Pa., Jesse Auerbacher of Neptune, and Holly L. Auerbacher of the Jersey Shore.

Interment will be private at the Fairmount Cemetery, Newark. A memorial service shall be held at the family's convenience. Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society. Hoffman Funeral Home, Long Branch, was in charge of arrangements.

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