

Through decades, my grandpa has contributed to many different communities around the world, and I am very proud of him. At the young age of 18, when most kids today are worried about what college to go to, he risked his life for his country and served the military community. In the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific during World War II, he protected his shipmates by watching for enemy ships and planes. After the war and completing college, he again served his country as a weapons specialist for the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

After returning home safely from this war, his priority was raising his 4 children in Cleveland, Ohio, and later here in Glenview. He started serving his local community when he moved to Glenview. During the 1970s and 1980s, he was a founding board member of the Youth Services of Glenview, an organization that helped high school students stay out of trouble. He just celebrated his 46<sup>th</sup> year of service with the organization. He also was active in the United Way and was a Boy Scout den leader. During this time, he also served his church community as the president of the OLPH School Board and as an usher at Sunday mass. He is almost 91 years old and still is an usher today!

As he has grown older, he has continued to find ways to help others. He now focuses on helping the elderly and disabled communities. For example, he volunteers at the Helping Hands of Glenview, an organization that drives elderly and disabled people to doctor appointments and to other places. He also is the president of the senior community where he lives. We were all super proud of him when he was named the "Glenview Citizen of the Year" in 2013.

But most important to me, is the role he plays in our family community. He is a great sitter, a great story teller, a great Wheel of Fortune player, and the best grandpa I could ever imagine. I can only hope to be half the man he is.