



## John Thomas Drobinko

March 7, 1926 - January 28, 2025

John Thomas Drobinko, 98, of Salisbury, NC, passed away Tuesday, January 28, 2025, at Brighton Gardens of Charlotte.

John was born March 7, 1926, to the late Gregory Drobinko and Mary Balinski Drobinko in Queens, NY. He was a graduate of New York City Schools and a veteran of the US. Marine Corp during WWII. John survived a kamikaze attack on April 1, 1945, while aboard the USS Hinsdale. After returning home from war, John was employed with Con Edison, the NYC utility company, for 40 years before retiring.

John was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus in NY, the Harold B. Jarrett American Legion Post 342, the Hudson Miller Tatum VFW Post 3006, the 2nd Marine Division Association and The Marine Corp League. He was also a member of the Salisbury Elks and the Catholic War Vets.

In addition to his parents and his five siblings, John was preceded in death by his first wife, Alice Rytel Drobinko on January 7, 1984 and his second wife, Virginia "Ginny" Blanchard Drobinko, on November 21, 2008. John is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 12:30-1:30 PM Tuesday (Feb 4) at Summersett Funeral Home. A graveside service will follow at 1:30 PM at the U.S. National Cemetery, Statesville Blvd location.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Drobinko family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).



# Cemetery Details

## U.S. National Cemetery

1601 Brenner Ave.  
Salisbury, NC 28144

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 4. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home  
1315 W. Innes St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144  
(704) 633-2111  
<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

FEB 4. 1:30 PM (ET)

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