



## Earl E. 'Popeye' Ditzler

September 9, 1929 - November 16, 2016

Earl E. "Popeye" Ditzler, 87, died on November 16, 2016 of natural causes at Spang Crest Manor, Lebanon. He was the son of the late John and Myrl Ditzler, and was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Rita. Popeye graduated from Lebanon High School as a member of the class of 1947, and served in the U.S. Army from 1947 to 1949. Popeye retired from the Bayer Corporation in 1991 after 28 years of service. He was a lifelong Philadelphia Phillies fan, who rarely missed a Phillies broadcast. He was a member of the Neversink Fire Company for several decades serving in various capacities, which included organizing and hosting several bus trips for the fire company members to see the Phillies play in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and Cincinnati. Popeye had been a member of the Annville Senior Center and enjoyed the club's activities with his wife. Popeye enjoyed taking vacations, particularly those to Disney World. He also enjoyed taking his wife out for breakfast, golfing, fishing, bowling, and spending time with friends and family. He is survived by a daughter Andrea Roth, wife of Kenneth, of Lebanon, daughter Kim Heagy, wife of Jeffrey, Lebanon, and a son Mark and his wife Connie, of Ephrata, and a sister, Marilyn Sholly of Lebanon. Popeye also had six grandchildren Paige, Casey, and Emily Ditzler, Ashley Reif, Jeremy and Jason Roth, and four great grandchildren Aubrea and Tanner Roth, Aiden Reif, and Lily Viramontes. Funeral services will be held on Monday at 1:30 PM at the Kreamer Funeral Home and Crematory, 618 E. Main Street, Annville. Interment will be in Evergreen Cemetery, Annville. A

viewing will be held on Monday one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Contributions may be made to Spang Crest Manor, 945 Duke Street, Lebanon, PA 17042 in his memory.

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

NOV **21**. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Kreamer Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc.  
618 E. Main Street  
Annville, PA 17003  
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## Memorial Service

NOV **21**. 1:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Grace and peace to all who mourn his passing. May his memory be a blessing.

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**Jean Lineaweaver** - November 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Deepest condolences to the family at Popeye's passing.

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**Bob Anspach** - November 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to kim andrea and mark and the rest of the family. Our hearts are with you all. Rip Popeye. You will be greatly missed. Nutter was sad he couldnt make the service he sends his love and hugs to you all. Love Tim and Marla Mentzer and Marlin Kissinger

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**Marla Mentzer** - November 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.

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**The Staff of Kreamer Funeral Home** - November 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ MAY THE THOUGHT OF KNOWING THAT FRIENDS AND FAMILY SHARE IN YOUR GRIEF BE OF COMFORT TO YOUR FAMILY.PLEASE READ PROV 17:17

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**kelley** - November 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Earl (Popeye) was a great cousin who will be miss by many. I send my sincere sympathy to his family. He always made me laugh. RIP*

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**Linda** - November 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM