



Earl J. Shay

December 15, 1917 - May 3, 2011

Earl J. Shay, 93, formerly of Mt. Zion died Tuesday May 3, 2011 in the Good Samaritan Hospital, Lebanon. He was the husband of the late Elizabeth Gingrich Shay who died in 2008. Born in Lebanon on December 15, 1917, he was the son of the late Fred R. and Rachel Hughes Shay. He was a self-employed Dairy Farmer at SHAY-D-ACRES Farm, Mt. Zion and also worked as a State Inspector of Farm's for Wengert's Dairy, Lebanon for many years. Earl was a graduate of Lebanon High School, an over 50 year member of Mt. Olivet Lodge #704 F. &A.M., Lebanon, the last surviving founder of the Mt. Zion Fire Company, a member of the PA State Inspector's Association where he was honored as "State Inspector of the Year", and enjoyed attending the New Holland Stables Horse Auctions. Surviving are a son Patrick F. husband of Kathie Shay of Arnold, MD, two daughters Susan E. wife of Edward Robb of Lebanon, Linda M. wife of Richard Umberger of Elizabethtown, a sister Mildred Walker of Lebanon, six grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers Raymond, Harry, and Donald Shay. Funeral services will be held on Friday at 1:00 PM from the Kreamer Funeral Home and Crematory, 618 E. Main Street, Annville. Interment will be in Mt. Lebanon Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Friday from 12-1 PM prior to the service at the funeral home. Please omit flowers. Contributions may be made to the Hospice of Lebanon County, P.O. Box 1274, Lebanon, PA 17042 in Earl's memory.

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“ Susan, Linda, Pat and families: When I first met Earl when he was a mere boy of 52, he amused me with his stories and "hardships" (oh my, his life was so full of woe...no beer money, kids that didn't do what he wanted, friends that took the last bit of food off his plate, Raym and I taking his last beer, not to mention all those who took his last dollar, and he was sure each Christmas was his last...each little tale of woe was told with a twinkle in his eye). Our lives are richer for having known him and each of you and your children are his lasting legacy. May he rest in peace!

Monica Klick - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM