



Eugene D. Heisey

December 8, 1916 - February 11, 2012

Eugene D. Heisey, 95, formerly of Annville died Saturday February 11, 2012 in the Lebanon Valley Brethren Home, Palmyra. He married Blanche Foltz Heisey in 1938 and would have celebrated their 74th wedding anniversary this May. Born in South Annville Twp., on December 8, 1916, he was the son of the late Walter E. and Irene Boyer Heisey. He started the H & H Tack Shop, Annville in 1948 from which he retired in 1979. Before going into the Tack business, he was superintendant of the Annville Water Company. Gene graduated from Cornwall High School in 1934, was a member of Zion Evangelical Congregational Church, Annville and was the past Director of the English, Western Retailers of America. He was a past president and treasurer of the Annville Rotary Club, was named Rotarian of the Year in 1980-1981, served as chairman of Rotary District 7390 World Fellowships, a member of the World Fellowship of Scouting and Horseback Riding where he served as the American representative and had ridden in five countries. He also served as Group D representative for Rotary District 7390, was a member of the Annville American Legion Home Association, and past president of the Annville Free Library Trustees. He was a life member of the following organizations, Lebanon County Fireman's Association; Lebanon County Workshop; Annville Union Hose Fire Company; American Horse Show Association; Zembo Mounted Patrol; International Shrine and Mid Atlantic Shrine Horse Patrols; the Horse Shoe Trail Club; Lebanon County Humane Society, and the Zembo Temple, Harrisburg. He was instrumental in starting

the Lebanon County 4-H Horse Program and the riding program with the Lebanon YMCA Camp Kiwanis. He was a merit badge counselor for horsemanship and a century member of the Boy Scouts of America. He was also a member of Mt. Olivet Lodge #704, F.&A.M., Lebanon; Ancient Scottish Rite Valley of Harrisburg; the York Rite Bodies; Tall Cedars of Lebanon Quittapahila Forest #25; Lebanon County Shrine Club which he served as president in 1990 and was a past treasurer, a member of the Hershey Shrine Club; Cumberland County Shrine Club; and the Zembo Luncheon Club. He was an honorary member of the Nur Temple, Delaware and Rajah Temple, Reading. He served as secretary-treasurer of the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association for 23 years and secretary-treasurer of the International Shrine Horse Patrols for 15 years. He was chosen International Horse Patrol Shriner of the Year in 1978 and Mid-Atlantic Horse Patrol Shriner of the year in 1995. Surviving in addition to his wife are a son E. David Heisey, Jr. of Burbank, CA, two daughters Barbara A. Longenecker of Annville, Helen L. Ferguson of Hummelstown, five grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, and a sister Rosemary Fry of Palmyra. He was preceded in death by a brother Herman Heisey. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 11:00 AM from the DiMatteo Worship Center at the Lebanon Valley Brethren Home, 1200 Grubb Road, Palmyra. Interment will be held at the convenience of the family in Covenant Cemetery, N. Lebanon Twp. Friends may call on Wednesday from 9-11 AM prior to the service at the Worship Center. Masonic services will be held at 8:45 AM Wednesday morning. Contributions may be made to the Lebanon Career and Technology Center Health Careers Scholarship Fund, C/O Francis Sobotor, 833 Metro Drive, Lebanon, PA 17042 or the Annville Free Library, 216 E. Main Street, Annville, PA 17003 or the Union Hose Fire Company, 215 E. Main Street, Annville, PA 17003 in Gene's memory.

Tribute Wall

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“ To the Family of Gene Heisey, Carl and I wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the family concerning the loss of your loved one Gene. Gene lived a long life filled with service to the community. Those of us from the "horse world" will always remember the kind friendly way we were waited on at H&H Tack Shop. Carl and Doris Grubb

Doris J. Grubb - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Aunt Blanche , Dave, Barb and Helen, I so loved going to the farm when I was little. Being a town girl, getting to go out to the country and see and ride the horses was the best. (Thanks to Cousin Dave for all the times he walked us on the horses. I don't know if you remember that, but I still do.) My favorite thing was going into the tack shop to see all the cool stuff Uncle Gene had in there. He was always so fun to be with. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers. Uncle Gene will be greatly missed! Barb (Lloyd) Adams (Irene's granddaughter and Ann's daughter)

Barb (Lloyd) Adams - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Dear Aunt Blanche and cousins Barb, Helen and David, As I remember Uncle Gene today I think of a man who taught me so much about integrity, balance in life, the importance of family and faith, about caring for your fellowman and how to live life in a way you can be proud while always remaining humble. There are really not enough words to express how much I loved and respected him and any time I met someone who knew him, their sentiment was the same. How I loved to say, "You know H and H Tack Shop? My Uncle is the owner." In the words of my sister, "The world is a lot poorer for not having Uncle Gene in it anymore" and I would add, but oh Heaven's gain! You are all in our hearts and we will hold you all up to God for His peace. Our deepest sympathy, Doug and Kay W. Haldeman

Kay Haldeman - February 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM