



Howard W. Starry

May 12, 1918 - December 29, 2016

Howard W. Starry, Jr., better known as Hops, age 98, peacefully went to Heaven on December 29th, 2016. Hops was born in Lebanon, Pennsylvania on 5-12-1918. He lived with his grandparents from the age of 6 years old & referred to them as Gramma and Daddy. He loved and respected them greatly. At the age of 7, he was befriended by the Gollam family of Gollam's Ice Cream. Their children Lucille and Roy were constant companions. He was informally adopted by Myrtle and Roy Gollam when their only son died of childhood leukemia. He always spoke of Mrs. Gollam with much love, appreciation and admiration. Hops wed his love Erma Galebach, and together they had one child, Nancy. They were married over 50 years. Erma is also in Heaven. He is survived by daughter, Nancy Gosselin, grandchildren Keith Gosselin, and Kathleen McCaslin of Colorado. And great grandchild LeAnn McCaslin of New Mexico. He started working in various jobs at a very young age, and then got a job for the Cornwall Ore mines beginning as a laborer and working up the ladder to foreman. He was very proud of his 34 years in the mines. After the flood of 1973 and the quarry closing, he went on to work for the Hershey school system as a maintenance man for over 10 years. He eventually reunited with his childhood friend Lucille, and as adults, they were together for 11 years. Lucille's daughter, Karen Nicholson, has been his caregiver and dear friend in Lewisburg at Elmcroft and Heritage Springs for the past year. He loved the outdoors and greatly enjoyed hunting, fishing and most especially, walking. Up until his 97th

year, he was still driving and walking a couple of miles a day. He had amazing strength and determination in all he did. His blue eyes and wonderful smile will be missed greatly by family and loved ones. Services will be held at Kreamer Funeral Home, 618 E. Main Street Annville, PA on Tuesday Jan 3rd. There will be visiting from 10-11:00, then a service at 11:00. Gravel Hill Cemetery will be his resting place following service.

Tribute Wall



“ *Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.* ”

The Staff of Kreamer Funeral Home - December 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM