



John E. Fortna

July 6, 1931 - January 16, 2014

John E. Fortna, Sr., 82, of Jonestown passed away on Thursday, January 16, 2014, at his residence. He was the husband of the late Thelma Mae Fortna, who passed away in 2012.

Born in Lebanon on July 6, 1931, he was the son of the late Clayton Herman and Annie Mae Bohn Fortna. John was a graduate of Jonestown High School and he attended Penn State for agriculture. He had most recently worked for the Cal Hetrick, Spitler, and Jim McDowell construction companies. Before that, he had worked as a farmer for 10 – 12 years. He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Jonestown. John was an avid sports fan, following the Phillys. He enjoyed working and being outside. He especially enjoyed his garden and chopping wood. John was also a very close and loving family man.

He is survived by a son John E. Fortna, Jr. and his wife Irene J. Fake of Jonestown, a grandson J. Edward Fortna, III and his wife Dulcy M.

Esbenshade, a granddaughter Sirena I. Anderson and her husband Richard G., II; grandchildren Jena E. Fortna, Daulton C. Fortna, Lydia M. Anderson, brothers Henry husband of Kristen Fortna of Ephrata, Robert husband of Janet Fortna of Jonestown, sisters Vivian Berriker of Reading, Ester Wentling of Jonestown, Anna Nolan wife of William of Jonestown, and Elwanda Doberstein of Lebanon. He was preceded in death by two brothers Richard and Ronald Fortna, and a sister Lucy Hartman.

Services will be private and at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers,

memorial contributions can be to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church –
Memorial Fund, PO Box 658 Jonestown, PA 17038.