



Wilbur C. Esch

Wilbur C. Esch, 89, of 1001 E. Oregon Road, Lititz, formerly of New Holland, died Tuesday, August 5, 2008, at Landis Homes after a brief illness.

Born in Denbigh, VA, he was the son of the late Samuel and Minnie (Kurtz) Esch. He was married 65 years on Feb. 21 to Catherine (Nafziger) Esch.

Wilbur worked for 32 years as a truck driver for the former Victor F. Weaver Inc. in New Holland. He was a charter member of the Ridgeview Mennonite Church and a member of the Goldenaires Senior Citizens in New Holland where he sang in their chorus. He also enjoyed reading, traveling and singing.

Surviving in addition to his wife are four sons, James W., married to Eunice (Lehman) Esch of Adamstown, Earl L., married to Etta (Stoltzfus) Esch of Leola, Arland E., married to Lori (Rigdon) Esch of Lebanon, OH, and W. Theodore, married to Lois H. (Musser) Esch of Mohnton; two daughters, W. Charlene, married to Dervin C. Hart of Manheim, and Christine E. Esch of Lancaster; 21 grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren; two step grandchildren; a sister, Ruth L. Chonka of Pottstown; and a brother, George F., married to Ruth A. (Martin) Esch of Ephrata.

Preceding him in death is a son, Carl Jerome Esch; a daughter, Irene Marie Metzler; two sisters, Iva B. Fehr and Eunice E. Wander; and four brothers, James H., Mahlon G., Vernon D. and Paul J. Esch.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Aug. 9, at 10 a.m. at Ridgeview Mennonite Church, 3723 Ridge Road, Gordonville with the Reverends Richard L. Martin and Melville Nafziger officiating. Interment will be in the adjoining cemetery. Viewing will be held on Friday at Landis Homes West Bethany Chapel from 6-8 p.m. and on Saturday at the Church from 9-10 a.m. Contributions may be made to the Landis Homes Caring Fund, 1001 E. Oregon Road, Lititz, PA 17543. To send the family condolences, visit us at www.groffeckenroth.com. Arrangements by Groff-High Funeral Home, New Holland.