



Robert James "Jim" Auten

Robert James "Jim" Auten, 65, of Blossom Hill Road, Northumberland, passed away Sunday, November 16, 2008 in Temple University Hospital, Philadelphia.

Jim was born August 22, 1943 in Lock Haven, the son of the late Robert James, Sr. and Emma P. (Forsyth) Auten. August 23, 1965 he married the former Paula Shilo who survives.

Mr. Auten was a 1961 graduate of Northumberland High School and then attended Williamsport Area Community College where he earned his degree in drafting. He then served his country through the Army Reserves.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Northumberland.

As the Senior Product Engineer for Wood-Mode Inc., Selinsgrove, Jim retired this past July after 45 years of service.

He was a member of several organizations including the Northumberland Kiwanis Club, American Legion Post #44, Northumberland Fire Company #1, Sunbury Social Club, and the Sinnemahoning Sportsman Association.

Jim enjoyed fishing, hunting, and spending time at the hunting camp in Driftwood. His greatest joys came from spending time with his grandchildren and friends.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three daughters and sons-in-law, Janine M. and Darryl E. Fisher of Lewisburg, Jamie L. and Greg A. Lapp, and Julie A. and Garth A. Moist, all of Lancaster; nine grandchildren, Nicole, Chris, Emmy, Ciera, Jordan, Maddy, Abbie, Kayte, and Connor; one great grandchild, Rylee; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Ethel M. and Charlie Cornell of Jacksonville, FL and Doris L. and Bill Messersmith of Montoursville.

Friends and family may call Thursday from 7-9 p.m. at the Joseph W. Epler Funeral Home, 210 King Street, Northumberland and again Friday from 10- 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church, 2nd and Queen Streets, Northumberland, where the service will be held at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. John Reese, Jr. and Rev. Michael Cantine officiating.

Interment will follow in Riverview Cemetery, Northumberland, with military honors accorded by American Legion Post #44.

Contributions in Jim's memory may be made to the Northumberland