

Ludwig A. Duerr, Jr.

Ludwig A. Duerr, Jr. (Lud), 96, passed away on November 8, 2008 at his home in Lancaster. He was the husband of Eleanor (Nullmeyer) Duerr, with whom he shared 59 years of joy-filled marriage.

Born in Jersey City, New Jersey, he was the son of the late Ludwig and Amelia (Schiess) Durr. He and Eleanor moved to Lancaster from Oradell, New Jersey six years ago to be near their family.

Lud completed only eight years of formal education; he was fond of saying that he graduated from the 'school of hard knocks'. Lud sold life insurance for the Prudential Insurance Company for 35 years, taking early retirement in 1968. For many of those years, and until 1978, he also owned and operated his own company, MacDonald Air Tool Co. The company imported pneumatic tools from Scotland and distributed them throughout the United States.

Civically-minded, Lud served many years as a Councilman in Oradell. He also served on the Planning Board and was a member of the American Legion and Republican Club of Oradell.

Lud served as a staff sergeant for the U.S. Army in England and Germany during World War II.

Lud enjoyed traveling, especially to Europe and the Caribbean, gardening, being the handy man around his house, reading the New York Times, and dabbling in the stock market. Since moving to Lancaster, his favorite activity was his Saturday morning jaunt to Central Market. Most of all, he enjoyed the company of his wife and family.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Carolyn Duerr Karl, wife of James Karl, of Lancaster, and Virginia Duerr, of Philadelphia. He also leaves three grandchildren, Adam and Ben Karl and Charlotte James, and his sister, Marion. He was predeceased by his sister Theresa and brother Gustav.

A life celebration will be private and held at the convenience of the family. If desired, memorial contributions can be made to The Salvation Army, 131 S. Queen Street, Lancaster, PA 17603. Arrangement by the Kearney A. Snyder Funeral Home, 394-4097, to send an online condolence to the family, visit our website at www.kearneyasnyderfuneralho...