



Raphael J. "Ralph" Gomez

Raphael J. "Ralph" Gomez, age 81, of Reamstown, PA and formerly of New York, NY, died on November 2, 2008 at Ephrata Community Hospital. Ralph was the husband of the late Mary T. (Murphy) Gomez who died in 2002. They had celebrated 52 years of marriage and moved to Ephrata in 1984 after vacationing in Ephrata for many years.

Born in Gibraltar, he was the son of the late Raphael J. and Dorilla Gomez. Ralph was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and served in Japan during the occupation after war's end. He was formerly employed as an Executive Vice President by Chase Manhattan Bank in New York City. He retired from there in 1983 after 31 years of service. While living in New York, he played the trumpet

and piano.

Surviving are two daughters: Eileen Zohdi of Denver, PA and Dianne, wife of Daniel Barbaro of Brooklyn, NY; four grandchildren: Shaun, Cindee and Lisa, who live in PA, and Danielle in Brooklyn, NY. Also surviving are two great-grandchildren, Lucas and Elizabeth of Ephrata, PA.

Ralph was preceded in death by his daughter, Lydia V. Gomez, in 1993.

Services will be private at the convenience of the family.

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