

Ray W. Bodwell

Ray W. Bodwell, 76, of 244 Zwecker Circle, New Holland, died Sunday, August 31, 2008 at Ephrata Community Hospital after a long battle with cancer.

Born in Newark, NJ, he was the son of the late Ray M. and Virginia F. (Sweeney) Bodwell. He celebrated 24 years of marriage on August 18 to Laura Kish Bodwell.

Ray owned and operated Skee Craft Boat Works in New Holland from 1990-1996. After his retirement he has worked part time at Sandy Cove Ministries in North East, MD. He was a boating instructor for the Coast Guard Auxiliary and also the Pennsylvania Fish Commission. He attended Goodville Mennonite Church and also Bridgeville Evangelical Congregational Church.

Surviving in addition to his wife are three children, Ray, married to Gail Bodwell of Wilmington, DE, Kathy, married to Ray Buckshaw of Westtown, NY, and David, married to Laura Bodwell of Dingmans Ferry; a step son, Jeff Kish of Mooresville, NC; eight grandchildren; and a sister, Connie Perkins of West Haven, CT.

Preceding him in death is a step son, Steven Kish.

A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 3 at 11 am at Goodville Mennonite Cemetery. Kindly omit flowers. Arrangements by Groff-High Funeral Home, New Holland. To send the family condolences visit us at [www.groffeckenroth.com](http://www.groffeckenroth.com)