



Martin L. Bard

Martin L. Bard, 83, of Manheim, passed away on Friday, September 26, 2008 at Heart of Lancaster Hospital. His wife, Sara J. Ellmaker Bard passed away in December of 2006.

Martin was employed for 32 years by American Brands, Inc. as a foreman in the cigar tobacco storage industry. He was a 1942 graduate of Hempfield High School and attended Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster. A veteran of World War II, Martin served in the U.S. Army. Active in the Democratic Party, he ran for the offices of Lancaster County Sheriff, County Commissioner, and U.S. Congressman winning in the Primary Elections.

Born in Lancaster, he was the son of the late Samuel S. and Naomi Leaman Bard.

Martin is survived by three daughters, Carol A. (Charles) Rhodes, Duncannon; Sharon L. Houck, Lancaster; Kristina Bard, Manheim; a son M. Michael (P.J. Whiskeyman) Bard, East Waterford; ten grandchildren, four great grandsons; and a brother, Samuel L. (Pearl Knier) Bard, East Petersburg. He was predeceased by his sister, Betty Bard.

Martin's family will receive friends at the Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc., 16 E. Main St., Mount Joy on Monday evening, September 29, from 7 to 9 PM. In keeping with Martin's request, his funeral service and interment will be private in Conestoga Memorial Park, Lancaster. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Martin's name may be made to The American Cancer Society, 610 Community Way, Lancaster, PA 17603. Online condolences to [www. sheetzfuneralhome](http://www.sheetzfuneralhome)