



J. Huber Leath

J. Huber Leath, 85, of Brethren Village, Lancaster, passed away on December 16, 2008 at the home. Born in Lancaster, he was the son of the late Robert F. and Ethel Huber Leath. He was married to the late Norma Markert and Evelyn Baker, and is presently married to Grace Cooper Leath of Brethren Village.

One of the original founders of the Strasburg Railroad, he served as a Director and Chairman of the Board of the Strasburg Railroad from 1962 to 1987 when he retired. Huber was a member of the Lancaster Church of the Brethren, charter member of the Lancaster Chapter, Inc. of the National Railway Historical Society and the Tourist and Railroad Assoc.

where he served as president for nine years, member of the National Model Railroad Assoc., American Railway Engineering Assoc., and the American Assoc. of Private Railroad Car Owners, Inc. The Strasburg Railroad built the 'Hello Dolly' car and Huber went to shoot the film in Garrison, NY where he appeared as the engineer. He was an avid railroad modeler.

He served in World War II in the U.S. Army in the European Campaign where he was awarded the European African Middle Eastern Service medal with five bronze stars.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Sarah L., and her husband, Robert, Lancaster; stepchildren, Candy, wife of David Hoffer, Akron; Rebecca, wife of Rev. Michael Fletcher, Redford, MI; Debbie, wife of Patrick Walsh, Chalfont; Robin, wife of John Cox, Ephrata; Michael, husband of Kathleen Williams, Akron; one great grandson, Paul; two great grandsons, Joel and Hunter; ten step grandchildren; five step great granddaughters, and a brother, Robert F., Jr., husband of Delores Leath.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, December 19, 2008 at 11:00 A.M. at the Brethren Village Chapel, 3001 Lititz Pike, Lancaster, PA 17606, preceded by a visitation from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Contributions may be made in his memory to Hospice of Lancaster Co., P. O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125 or to the Brethren Village Good Samaritan Fund. Burial will be in Conestoga Memorial Park. To send online condolences, please visit: www.richardheiseyfuneralhome.com.