



#### Philip S. Terry Insurance Executive Data Processing Pioneer

Philip S. Terry, 81, of Lancaster County peacefully passed away surrounded by his family on Thursday, September 11, 2008 at the Lancaster General Hospital. Born in Lancaster, he was the son of the late Edward K. Sr. and Elizabeth R. Sload Terry. Phil was a 1944 graduate of Manheim Township High School and a member of the National Honor Society. During and following his high school years, Phil worked for Shirk's Motor Express, later known as Norwalk Trucking. He became involved with data processing and insurance which led to a thirty-seven year association with Lititz Mutual Insurance Company where he served as Vice President Information Systems and Treasurer. Phil was a member of the Advisory Accounting Board and Chairman for Devco Mutual

Reinsurance Company for ten years, a certified member of the Insurance Institute of America, Inc., and the American Institute For Property and Liability Underwriters, Inc. designation of CPCU involving 5 years of college credits. He also held a Pennsylvania State Broker's License. Phil worked countless hours assisting and volunteering in the Data Processing field for local institutions such as the Farmer's First Bank, now Susquehanna Bank, and Brethren Village. In addition to eleven years with the East Petersburg Zoning and Planning Committee, Phil also voluntarily served on the Lancaster County Housing and Re-Development Authority.

He was the husband of Ruth E. Braungard Terry. On September 6th, they observed their 60th wedding anniversary. Phil served with the Air Service Group in the U.S. Army during WWII. A member of the Maytown Reformed United Church Of Christ, he served as a Deacon and Financial Secretary. Phil's passion in life was life learning, as he had an innate ability to learn many technical and trade skills, applying them to daily living. He had a passion for Big Band music, especially Sammy Kaye. Following retirement, Phil became active with SPERDVAC: The Society to preserve and encourage radio, drama, variety, and comedy. The national group shares old time radio programs among their members.

Surviving in addition to his wife is a daughter, Karen L. Terry-Steckbeck, wife of Peter Steckbeck of Manheim, and a brother, George Raymond, husband of Flora Terry of Lancaster. He is preceded in death by his sister, Sara E. Austin, and two brothers, Edward K. Jr. and Charles C. Terry.

Private services will be at the convenience of the family with Interment in Manheim Fairview Cemetery, Penn Township. Those desiring may send contributions in Phil's memory to the Maytown Reformed United Church Of Christ, P.O. Box 457, Marietta, PA 17550. The Buch Funeral Home of Manheim is in charge of arrangements. For further information or to send the family a message of condolence, you may visit our website at:

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