



Richard J. Prayer, Jr.

Richard J. Prayer, Jr., 91, of Bird In Hand, formerly of Harrisburg, passed away on Wednesday, November 26, 2008, at the Coatesville Veteran's Hospital, Hospice Unit, Coatesville, PA.

Born in Harrisburg, September 17, 1917, he was the son of the late Richard J. Prayer and Christina Cupples Parks. Richard was retired from the New Cumberland Army Depot. He was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Harrisburg. Richard served in the United States Army 38th Engineers (Combat) Regiment from March 1941 to September 1945; Battle of Normandy (Utah Beach) Northern France. Richard received the Army Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Medal WW II,

American Campaign Medal WW II, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, WW II Victory Medal; Unit Citation French Croix de Guerre with Palm "Normandy Beaches." He was a member of the American Legion Post 730 and VFW Post 1718. He was an avid golfer and history buff.

Surviving is his wife, Martha Stackhouse Prayer, a son, Richard J. Prayer III and his wife Linda of Halifax, two daughters, Karen Crouse, wife of Kenneth Crouse of Bird In Hand, with whom they lived, and Lauren Taylor, wife of Louis Rovelli, Camp Hill. Four grandchildren, Holyn Nickerson wife of James, Massachusetts; Andrew Taylor, Colorado; Lindsay Prayer, New Jersey; and Justin Crouse, Bird In Hand. Two great grandchildren; Maya Nickerson and Torin Nickerson and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother, Kenneth Prayer.

There will be visitation on Monday, December 1, 2008 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2730 Booser Avenue, Harrisburg, with a Funeral to be celebrated immediately following the visitation. Burial will be held in the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to the Dailey Funeral Home, Penbrook.