

Robert L. McMurtrie

Robert L. McMurtrie, 84, of Elizabethtown, formerly of Malvern, PA, passed away on Thursday, July 31, 2008 at Masonic Village.

Born in Bellingham, WA, he was the son of the late Leverne and Ruth McMurtrie. Robert was the beloved husband of Betty W. McMurtrie, with whom he shared 60 years of marriage. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from Cornell University in 1946.

Robert served honorably in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1942-45. He served as a First Lieutenant in the U.S Army in Korea from 1950-52 in the 724th Railway Operating Battalion. His railroad career spanned 41 years working with the Pennsylvania Railroad, Penn Central, Conrail and then Amtrak in many locations.

During his lifetime he particularly enjoyed the time spent with his family as well as playing golf, photography, gardening and extensive travels. He was a member of the Thompson Masonic Lodge in Paoli. Robert was an active church member and held many leadership roles in the churches he attended.

In addition to his wife, Robert is survived by four children and their spouses, David McMurtrie (Martha) of Plainfield, Ill, Bruce McMurtrie (Debra) of Merion Station, PA, Barbara Zerr (Bradley) of Paoli, PA and James McMurtrie (Kathleen) of Malvern, PA; 12 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by one brother, Donald McMurtrie.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Robert's Life Celebration from the Sell Memorial Chapel at Masonic Village, One Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA on Monday, August 4, 2008 at 10am, with the Reverend A. Preston Van Deursen officiating. Interment will be private.

Friends may call at Sell Memorial Chapel on Monday from 9:30am until time of service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements by Boyer Funeral Home, Elizabethtown, PA.

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