Linton E. Hershey Retired carpenter, 76

Linton E. "Chick" Hershey, 76, a retired carpenter who also operated a hardware store in the Manayunk section of Philadelphia, died Friday of heart failure at his home in Brookhaven, Delaware County.

Before moving to Brookhaven more than 30 years ago, he had lived in Southwest Philadelphia.

Mr. Hershey died on the 15th anniversary of the death of his wife of 39 years, Mary.

Mr. Hershey worked as a carpenter for several companies, including Andersen Windows, before retiring about seven years ago. For about 10 years beginning in the early 1960s, he operated Maurer Hardware in Manayunk.

He was born in Paradise, Pa., and after studying carpentry at a trade school, he enlisted in the Navy. He served in the South Pacific during World War II.

Mr. Hershey is survived by a son, William; daughters Marianne Gagliardi, Catherine Finnegan, and Judith Saunders; and 10 grandchildren. Another son, Charles, was killed in action in Vietnam in 1969.

A Funeral Mass will be said at 10 a.m. tomorrow at Our Lady of Charity Roman Catholic Church, 231 Upland Rd. in Brookhaven. Friends may call at 9 a.m. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery in Yeadon.

Memorial donations may be made to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Development Department, 34th Street and Civic Center Boulevard, Philadelphia 19104.

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