



Alfred James Ward

Alfred James Ward, 84, of Leola, passed away Saturday, August 30, at Manor Care Health Services, Carlisle.

He was born Sept. 20, 1923 in Lancaster, the son of the late James Alfred Leonard Ward and Mary Elizabeth Peters Ward. Alfred was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth Lillian Bloom Ward, who passed away in 2004. They were married for 56 years.

Alfred was a graduate of J.P. McCaskey High School. He received his Tool and Die Machinest certificate from Stevens Trade of Lancaster. He was employed by Machinery Products for 42 years. Alfred designed and engineered the Metalist Lumlite flashlight along with other innovative products.

Alfred was a veteran of WWII and awarded the Bronze Star as a Private First Class serving in the Fourth Marine Division from 1943 to 1945. He is a veteran of the Saipan, Tinian and Roi-Namur battles in the Marshalls. The bronze star was awarded for driving an ambulance under heavy fire to evacuate wounded men from dangerous positions during the fighting. The meritorious achievement in action was over poor roads, trails and open country. Alfred was extremely proud of being a Marine and serving his country.

Surviving are his son, Richard C. Ward, of Carlisle, three grandchildren, James R. Ward, Corrin E. Ward and Bennett A. Ward of Carlisle and one great grandchild, Kason A. Ward of Carlisle.

Alfred was a most caring, honest and generous gentleman. He was extremely fond of his great grandson and his three grandchildren. Alfred enjoyed gardening and tinkering with projects around his home.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, September 4, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the St Luke's United Church of Christ, 719 Marietta Ave., Lancaster with Pastor Paul Eyer officiating. A visitation will be Thursday from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. at the church. Interment will be at St. John's Episcopal Church Columbarium, Carlisle at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made in Alfred's memory to the St. John's Episcopal Church Memorial Fund, 1A North Hanover Street, Carlisle, PA 17013.

Arrangements are being handled by the Ewing Brothers Funeral Home, Carlisle. Visit www.since1853.com to send a condolence.