

Obituary – Harold F. Hafer, New Columbia, PA

HAFER – Harold F. Hafer, 87, of New Columbia, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Saturday, March 27, 2010.

Harold was born January 18, 1923, in Lewisburg, PA, the son of the late Robert and Carrie Hafer and was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Jean E. Rowe.

A graduate of Lewisburg High School, he joined the Army in 1943 where he served in the 141th Infantry Regiment, Texas National Guard, B Company 36th Infantry Division. Involved in the Italian campaign, he was in combat at the battle of Anzio and participated in operation Dragoon, the invasion of Southern France. He was awarded the Purple Heart, EAME Ribbon with three bronze stars, American Theater Ribbon, WWII Victory Ribbon, and the Distinguished Unit Badge.

Returning from the war, he worked in road construction, eventually owning his own road grading company. Most roads we travel on in Union, Snyder, Montour and Northumberland counties were roads graded by Harold!

Harold loved to hunt, fish, and enjoyed talking with people and listening to country gospel music. In later years, he spent much of his time painting sun catchers.

He was a lifetime member of the United in Christ Lutheran Church, Lewisburg.

He is survived by his two daughters, Betty Lutz of Harrisburg, PA, and her husband, John, and Beverly Meerbach, of Canton, GA, and her husband Eric. Harold had three grandchildren, Stacy Lutz Reed, Jason C. Lutz, and Erica Jean Meerbach as well as two great-grandchildren, Kaeden Lutz and Nathan Reed. He is also survived by his sister, Ruth Hafer Kneckle. Also remaining are the many relatives, neighbors and friends who helped him along the way.

He is preceded in death by his daughter, Susan Hafer Reimers and brother, Elmer Hafer.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held Friday, June 4th at 7:00 pm, at United in Christ Lutheran Church (twin churches), 1875 Churches Road, Lewisburg, PA.

Memorial contributions can be made to United in Christ Lutheran Church, PO Box 92, West Milton, PA 17886.