



Benjamin Junior Knotts

December 16, 1923 - May 26, 2007

Benjamin Junior Knotts, 83 of Knightstown, died Saturday, May 26, 2007 in Hancock Regional Hospital following a brief illness.

He was born December 16, 1923 in New Castle, as son of the late Benjamin F. and Mamie (Melton) Knotts.

He was a life-long Henry County resident and a 1942 graduate of New Castle High School where he lettered in track and was a member of the Varsity and Boy's Glee Clubs. He served in the U.S. Army, 1906th Aviation Engineering Battalion during World War II in the South Pacific Theatre, New Guinea and the Philippines. The 1906th Battalion reunited each of the past 45 years throughout the US and last year they visited the new WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C. He was Life Member of the New Castle VFW Post 1282. He worked at Chrysler and then managed Knotts' Standard Service Station in Spiceland for many years. He enjoyed operating his backhoe and doing excavation and worked with Wilbur Coffin in Spiceland and on his own. He was a long-time member of the Spiceland Friends Meeting. He enjoyed sports and bowled for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth (Beam) Knotts whom he married on March 20, 1948; Four children, Jay (wife: Cathy) Knotts of Knightstown, Virginia Heiser of Indianapolis, Janice Radcliff (special friend: Bill Williams) of Knightstown, and Joy (husband: Terry) Bussberg of Lewisville; 11 Grandchildren, D.J. (wife: Amy) Knotts, Jeremy (fiancé: Shellie Kriz) Knotts, Debra (husband: Bill) Beabout, Heather (husband: Chad) Davis, Holly

(husband: Adam) Bastin, Misty (husband: David) Scholl, Cheri (husband: David) Moore, Melissa Radcliff, Joe Radcliff, Bradley (wife: Jennifer) Bussberg, and Tyler Bussberg; two step-grandchildren, Amy (husband: Darrell) Wilson and Terry Bussberg; 12 great-grandchildren and four step-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by two infant brothers, Albert and William and two sisters, Mildred Dudley and Ruby Niven.

Services will be 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 30, 2007 in Sproles Family Funeral Home with David Brock and Rev. Gene Bennett officiating. Burial will follow in Shiloh Cemetery in Rush County. Military Honors will be provided by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion.

Friends may call from 3 – 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Spiceland Friends Building Fund with envelopes available at the funeral home.

You may send a personal condolence to the family at www.sprolesfamilycares.com

Tribute Wall

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“ *Jeremy; Just wanted to let everyone know that we are thinking of you and have you in our prayers. Debbie, Kenny and Scott Carter (Shelli's parents and Brother)*

Debbie Carter - May 29, 2007 at 02:17 PM

RF

“ *Rachel and I are very sorry for your families loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Ryan French - May 28, 2007 at 02:46 PM

HB

“ *We will miss you Papaw. Rest in peace. Love you.*

Holly Bastin - May 28, 2007 at 11:59 AM