



Charles Leshner

May 4, 1920 - March 3, 2014

Charles Abram “Chuck” Leshner, 93, passed away peacefully at Chambersburg Hospital on March 3, 2014, with his family by his side. He was born May 4, 1920, the first of six children of Charles Reiff and Eunice Sheffler Leshner. He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Marion I. Hepfer Leshner, sons David C. Leshner (Nancy) of Davis, West Virginia and C. Wesley Leshner of Harrisonburg, Virginia, brothers Glenn Leshner (Mary Ellen) and Alan Leshner (Pat), sister Janet Leshner Brindle, grandchildren Christopher Leshner of Lafayette, Colorado, Dianne Leshner Borghese (Paul) of Ashburn, Virginia, Timothy Leshner of Mechanicsville, Maryland, great-grandchildren Robert, Jonathan, Nathan, P. Matthew, and Simon Borghese, his ex-daughter in law and good friend, Margaret Rusk, many nieces and nephews, and many friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Ralph Leshner and Carl Leshner. Charles was seven generations descended from his ancestor Sebastian Leshner who came to America from Germany in 1734 and whose descendents eventually settled in Franklin County around 1800.

As a youngster Charles spent most of his growing-up years in New Franklin, attended the two-room New Franklin School and graduated from Chambersburg High School, class of 1938. He was proud to point out that he attended the 75th reunion celebration of his class in 2013. After high school, Charles worked in a factory in Shippensburg at a salary of \$7 a week but

recognizing this didn't have much of a future, he enlisted in the US Army Air Corps in 1939.

Charles' first stationing in the Air Corps was at Bolling AFB in Washington DC where he was trained to be a weather observer and then was sent to Chanute Field, Illinois where he graduated as a certified weather forecaster in the fall of 1941. His next assignment was at Bangor, Maine and it was there a few months later he married Marion Hepfer, a New Franklin girl he had known since the first grade at New Franklin School. The start of World War II sent him to a variety of military assignments including Goose Bay, Labrador and the Azores. Charles decided to leave the service after the war and got a job as a weather forecaster for Trans World Airlines on Long Island. They soon asked him to transfer to a forecasting job in Europe which he declined to do and rejoined the US Air Force as a weather forecaster once more. Charles and Marion, now with two boys, Dave and Wes, lived in Springfield, Mass. until 1950, then Stephenville, Newfoundland until 1953 and then Washington, DC for the balance of his military career. He retired in 1960 with the rank of Captain, USAF.

After retiring from the Air Force, Charles was a high school math teacher in the Washington area for the next 14 years and he took up running, eventually running and finishing the Boston Marathon and other marathons as well. He became a serious bridge player and was soon a life master. Retiring once more, he and Marion moved back to Pennsylvania and built a new home in the village of New Franklin. For the next twenty years, Charles pursued his activities of running, becoming one of the founding members of Chambersburg Road Runners, gardening and gradually becoming a proficient user of home computers. He also joined several friends and bicycled across America from the Pacific to the Atlantic. In 1996, Charles and Marion moved to a simpler life in a home in Chambersburg and ten years later to the independent living campus at Menno Haven. In 2012, they moved to the

assisted living center at Menno Haven where they lived together until Marion moved to a nearby room in the nursing center in 2013.

Charles and Marion were members of First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Chambersburg for many years. A funeral service for Charles will be held at First Lutheran on Thursday, March 13 at 12 o'clock noon officiated by Pastor Richard Seaks. A private burial will follow at Grindstone Hill Cemetery. There will be no viewing. In Lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Charles Lesher to First Lutheran Church, 43 West Washington Street Chambersburg , Pa. 17201 Online condolences may be expressed at www.sellersfuneralhome.com

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Charles Lesher, please visit our Heartfelt Sympathies Store.

Tribute Wall

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“ My sincere condolences to the Lesher Family. Mr. (Charles) Lesher was my math teacher at Central High School for two years, and he was one of the best. He not only taught math, but he brought it to life with his wonderful analogies. He also served as the sponsor of the math team there, and there was no math problem he could not solve! It was an honor knowing him, and I am so happy to read of his wonderful and full life. Please accept my apologies for this late acknowledgement, but I just read the obituary a few minutes ago. Sincerely, Susan Wood

Susan Tucker Wood - October 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ My deepest sympathies to Aunt Mame, cousins Dave, Wesley and their families. I am so sorry that I will not be able to attend that service, but I want you to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. I have fond memories of you all. May God comfort you at this difficult time and keep you in his care.

Eunice Lesher Knott - March 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Dear Family,
I am so sorry to hear of Charles passing away in sleep. Death that produces such futility, will be removed. And God "will actually swallow up death forever".[ISAIAH 25:8]The Apostle John was given a vision of the time when obedient mankind will experience freedom from pain and death. Yes, "God himself will be with them. And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be any more. The former things have passed away". REVELATION 21:4; What comfort!
Sincerely Yours, Judy L.

Judy L. - March 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Charles was a beloved friend and neighbor for many years in New Franklin. We are saddened he is no longer with us but cherish our many happy memories. Are thoughts are with Mame and the family. All our love-Warren, Nancy, Jenny, Amy & Grant Kistler

Amy Kistler West - March 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Thinking of the Leshar family during this sad time. Uncle Charles lived a full life. May he rest in peace.

Janet Celestino Leppo - March 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM