



George E. Gearhart

May 20, 1930 - December 14, 2016

George Edward Gearhart, 86, of 545 Weaver Avenue, Chambersburg, PA, died Wednesday, December 14, in the Waynesboro Hospital after battling Alzheimer's disease.

Born May 20, 1930, in Chambersburg, PA, he was the son of the Late Arthur and Stella Draper Gearhart. George attended the Chambersburg Area High School. Following school he served in the United States Army as a member of the 2nd Infantry Division during the Korean War. He was employed at the Ideal Cleaners (later called the Rocket Cleaners) in Chambersburg, PA, where he met his future wife. Future employment included a Dip Tank Operator in the Paint Room at TB Wood's, Inc. and a Security Guard at Wilson College.

George was a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chambersburg. He was the Vice President of VFW Charles Nitterhouse Post 1599 Board of Directors, Past Commander of the Post, and Captain of the VFW Honor Guard. George also enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, especially his grandchildren. After family, his love was the VFW where he spent time providing service and volunteering his time through a variety of activities. George was a VFW Bronze Legacy Life Member; he received the 1998 National Aide-De- Camp Recruiting Award which was presented for individual recruiting achievements, and was recognized as an All American Post Commander in 1998 for meeting standards in recruiting, programs, and veteran's assistance – this is the highest achievement given by the Commander in Chief of the VFW. He also enjoyed dancing, softball, playing

cards, and making people laugh. George was preceded in death by his wife Josephine Myers Gearhart, whom he married June 30, 1956, after a three year courtship. He is survived by two children Deborah Jo Gearhart, Chambersburg, PA; and John A. Gearhart and wife Jeanette, Chambersburg, PA; siblings, Connie Brown and Dolly Osterman, Chambersburg, PA; Dee Sellers and husband Jack, Fayetteville, PA; sister in laws, Dorothy Gearhart, Chambersburg, PA; and Pat Withers Myers, Sun City, CA; seven grandchildren, Melissa Jo Knepper, Camp Hill, PA; Joshua Knepper, Boiling Springs, PA; Tyler Gearhart, Zachary Gearhart, Clayton Gearhart, Ashley Burkett, and Lynsay Coons, all of Chambersburg, PA; 14 great grandchildren, and a number of nieces and nephews. His siblings Ken Gearhart and Joyce Peters, of Chambersburg, PA, preceded George in death. A funeral will be held at 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, December 20, 2016, at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 26 West Commerce Street, Chambersburg, PA, The Rev. Dr. Neal O. Hively will officiate. The family will receive friends at a viewing from 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon at Trinity. Military Honors will be provided by the Charles Nitterhouse Post VFW 1599. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association - Greater Pennsylvania Chapter, 2595 Interstate Drive, Suite 100, Harrisburg, PA 17110 or the Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter, 5051 Letterkenny Road West, Chambersburg, PA 17201. George is remembered by many as a man who would give them anything - and were blessed to have known him. For God, for Family, and for Country...at ease Solider.

Online condolences at www.sellersfuneralhome.com

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Tribute Wall

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“ Have known George for many many years as he has lead the Military Honors Guard from the VFW on many of Veterans Funeral services throughout Frankklin Co. Without his leadership many veterans many have never received the honors they deserved. Thank you George and thank you his family for allowing him to give of his time.

*Paul T. Lochstampfor
Lochstampfor Funeral Home, Inc.
Waynesboro, PA*

Paul Lochstampfor - December 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with George’s family and his many friends. I was so sad to hear of his passing. I got to know George when I was chaplain at Wilson College and he was on the security staff. I recall with fondness his thoughtfulness and kindness. I particularly remember on snowy winter days George would make sure my car was free from snow. I called him my ‘snow angel’. I now live on the Isle of Iona in Scotland and will light a candle in Iona Abbey, at the time of his funeral, in loving memory of George.

Rosie Magee - December 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ *Melissa and Family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this sad time. This
"Soldier's Soldier" and Patriot has fought the good fight and is at
rest from his long journey. He has paid tribute to so many Veterans,
over the years, for their honorable Service to our Country, and
comforted those left behind. Now we pay tribute to Captain George
Gearhart, as our Lord Welcomes him Home.*

Paul and Priscilla Cullinane - December 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I am so saddened to hear of George's passing. I will remember him
as a man of great devotion to his fellow veterans, and a man with a
gentle heart, a beautiful smile, and warm hugs. Rest In Peace
George.*

Missy Etter - December 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM