



Robert A. Frey

March 11, 1922 - December 20, 2015

Robert A. Frey, 93, died peacefully at 7:45 a.m. Sunday, December 20, 2015 in the Penn Hall Nursing Center.

Bob was born March 11, 1922 at his home in Culbertson, PA to Beatrice and Reuben Frey. He grew up on his family's farm at Woodstock where he worked until he entered the U.S. Army in 1943. In the Army he was assigned to the Military Police in the Southwest Pacific during WWII. Following his discharge, he worked at Letterkenny Depot from 1946 until his retirement in 1985.

Bob married Bette Leshner in 1956, and two years later he adopted her three children. He became deeply involved in the life of the Presbyterian Church of Falling Spring where he served as: Ruling Elder, Sunday School Teacher and Superintendent, youth leader, and served on the Christian Education Committee of the Carlisle Presbytery. He also served as an active member of the Kittochtinny Historical Society, Falling Spring Greenway, Trout Unlimited, the Franklin County Watershed Association, and IIRP.

Growing up on the farm, he learned to love the outdoors. His great love for fly fishing, hunting, skiing, camping, and other outdoor sports helped make him a great scout leader as an adult. He was Assistant Scoutmaster for the church sponsored group Troop 127 where he led hundreds of scouts and young adults on camp outs, backpacking trips, canoe outings, white water rafting excursions, and downhill skiing adventures. During his 50+years in scouting, as chairman of the Troop Committee, he counseled over 60 boys in their Eagle Scout application process. He has been recognized with the following

awards in scouting: Frontier District Award of Merit, Keystone Council Silver Beaver Award, God and Service Recognition, and the James E. West Fellow Award. For his community service, he was also awarded the Rotary Paul Harris Award and the Distinguished Service Award for Falling Spring Greenway.

In addition to his late parents, and wife, who died on May 1, 2001, he was preceded in death by three brothers: Jay, Glen and John and one sister Mildred (Frey) Over. Surviving are his three children: Dr. Robert M. Frey (husband of Patricia Foley) of Bozeman, MT; Judith (Mrs. Richard G.) Beegle; and Joyce (Mrs. Peter C.) Zimmerman, both of Chambersburg; six grandchildren: W. Buckley Brindle, Barbara Jean Law, and David Zimmerman, all of Chambersburg; W. Chadwick Brindle and Steven Frey of MT; and Douglas Frey of CA. Bob is also survived by 12 great grandchildren, three step grandchildren: Jean (husband Tim) Osterkamp of Folsom, CA; Ann (husband Ted) Law of Baltimore, MD; and John Beegle of Chambersburg; and five step great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 9, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary of the Presbyterian Church of Falling Spring. In lieu of flowers, you may make a contribution to The Presbyterian Church of Falling Spring, Boyscout Troop 127 at the Presbyterian Church of Falling Spring, or the Benevolent Fund at Menno Haven.

Bob Frey, also affectionately known as "Pop" to his family and hundreds of kids and adults, is deeply loved by those who he has mentored and nurtured over his span of life. Online condolences may be expressed at www.sellersfuneralhome.com

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

Tribute Wall

EW

“ Although I hadn't seen Bob in many years, I remember him fondly from my childhood in Chambersburg. Bob was the first person I knew who was an outdoorsperson, and I learned much from him about the natural world through visits with him at Horse Valley.

It was clear to me, even as a child, that he was an extraordinarily down to earth and genuinely caring person.

May your own memories of Bob give you comfort and healing.

Emily Harrison Weir - January 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Sending heart felt sympathy to Joy and Pete. Joy your fathers was such a part of my young adult life and also my boys in scouts. I will treasure my many memories of your incredible dad for ever more. He was quite the guy! Loved him.

God Bless you all, Jan

Jan Doak - December 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM