



Obituary

Born: Saturday, July 10, 1926

Died: Friday, August 30, 2019

Paul Richard Dickerson, 93, formerly of Warren, passed away on Friday morning, August 30, 2019 at the Rouse Home in Youngsville following an extended illness. Born at home in Rogertown on July 10, 1926, Paul was the fifth child of Raymond I. and Lorena Schumann Dickerson. By July 1938, five additional children would complete their family. Paul attended Lacy, Beaty, and Warren High School graduating ahead of his class in January 1945. As a teen he played football for Warren High, worked part-time at Carlson's Service Station, and painted houses with his father and older brothers. He enjoyed growing up in "Glade Run" and the life-long friends he made there. He entered the U.S. Army in March 1945 and was honorably discharged in November 1946 as a sergeant with the 15th Quartermaster Truck Company in Honolulu, Hawaii. He received the Good Conduct Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon, a Meritorious Unit Award, and the World War II Victory Ribbon. Following his military service, Paul returned to Warren and worked as a house painter for his father. He played semi-pro football for the Warren Red Jackets in the late 1940's. On May 27, 1950, he married Betty Elaine Burke at the Emanuel United Church of Christ in Warren, PA. Together they raised five children and celebrated 68 years of marriage until her death on August 16, 2018. Paul worked as a millwright for Sylvania Electric for over 35 years retiring in May 1987. He enjoyed the outdoors; hunting and fishing with his father, brothers, and sons. He taught his children the craft of wreath making which they carry on to this day. Paul was an excellent handyman, carpenter, and painter; and worked tirelessly to fashion a home for his family on Hinkle Street between 1954 and 1997. He later helped to guide projects in his children's homes and following his sister's death in 1985, remodeled the family homestead on Swiss Street. Paul loved hiking and picnics with his family and reunions at Chapman State Park. He enjoyed going to the Whiteway Drive-in Theater with Pepsi and ice in a bucket he used as a cooler. He liked pizza from V&J and 15 cent burgers from McDonald's after shopping at the "junk" stores in Jamestown, NY. He was very proud of his children's and grandchildren's achievements. He was especially pleased to share his name with his nephews, Donald Paul Lampley and Paul Hollowell Dickerson; his grandson, Aaron Paul Dickerson; and his great-grandsons, Noah Paul Stokes and Willem Paul Rodgers. Paul is survived by his children, Paula & Rick Hernan, David Dickerson, Betsy Hutchinson, Dale Dickerson, and James & Elaine Dickerson. He is also survived by his ten grandchildren, Trevor Rodgers, Todd (Stacy) Rodgers, Tierney Doutt, Tristan (Matt) Evans, Tara Doutt (Tavis Murray), Tyson Doutt (Jessica Kase), Zachary (Elyse) Dickerson, Kelsey (Matt) Metzger, Aaron Dickerson, and

Service Summary

Funeral Service

Location: - Not available -

Sarah Dickerson (Brian Zuidervliet); two step-granddaughters, Jennifer (David) Szymanski and Elizabeth Hernan (Matt Sandlin). Fourteen great-grandchildren and a great-great granddaughter. Survivors also include his brother, Milton "Mitch" Dickerson, his sister, Anita E. Johnson, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. In addition to his wife and parents, he is preceded in death by his son-in-law, John H. Hutchinson, Jr. and his seven siblings, including Raymond "Chubby" Dickerson, Herbert (Betty) Dickerson, Lorena P. Dickerson, Lloyd (Coletta) Dickerson, Joan (George) Nosel, Robert (Betty) Dickerson, and Sally (Melvin Lampley) Schwab. Services will be private and at the convenience of the family. Interment will follow at Warren County Memorial Park, Starbrick. The Peterson-Blick Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements. Memorial donations if desired may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children, 1645 W. 8th St., Erie, PA 16505 or to a charity of choice.