



Robert L. "Buddy" Wellner

January 29, 2007

Robert L. "Buddy" Wellner, 80, of Butler, died Monday, January 29, 2007 at Sunnyview Home after a short battle with cancer.

He was born Wednesday, June 30, 1926 in Butler, the son of the late Albert Lawrence Wellner and Helen Marie Eichenlaub Wellner.

Buddy was a veteran of the US Army, having served during WW II in the Air Force Unit. He was a member of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church. He belonged to the American Legion Post # 117 and the Century Club. Buddy was a well known drummer and a member of the American Federation Musician Union. He formed his own band when he was 16. He performed for decades locally with the Buddy Laconi and the Frank Sawhook Orchestras. He was the original drum instructor for the Greenwood Robinettes organized in 1958.

He retired as a Analyst-Accountant from Armco after 41 years of service.

Surviving are his wife, Norma H. Barnes Wellner of Butler whom he married March 15, 1984; 2 daughters, Mrs. Jack (Marcia L.) Heinzer of Marietta, GA and Linda J. Wellner, MD of Sewickley; son, Thomas L. Wellner of Corry, PA; stepdaughter, Mrs. Kenneth (Linnette) Barto of Butler; 2 stepsons, Robert W. Williamson and Bruce E. Williamson both of Butler; 7 grandchildren, 10

stepgrandchildren, 1 great granddaughter and 12 great stepgrandchildren; sister, Mae J. Engle of Ft. Myers, FL; and brother, Russell F. Wellner of Butler.

He was preceded in death by 2 sisters and 3 brothers.

Guests will be welcomed by the family at noon until the time of the memorial service at 1 PM on Wednesday, January 31, 2007 at St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 201 W. Jefferson St., Butler with the Rev. Dr. Alden Towberman officiating the service. A reception will follow at the church.

Contributions may be made to St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, the American Legion, or the Butler Public Library.

Arrangements by the Young Funeral Home, Butler, PA

Tribute Wall



“ *Our deepest sympathy to Norma and all the Children and Grandchildren.##imported-begin##Len and Kay Baranowski##imported-end##*

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“ *Norma, I am very sorry to hear about Buddy. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Phyllis##imported-begin##Phyllis Weber Bartley##imported-end##*

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