



William A. Holbein

August 24, 1928 - November 3, 2014

William Albert Holbein, 86, of West Sunbury passed away on Monday, November 3, 2014 at 10:27 PM at VNA Inpatient Hospice.

He was born August 24, 1928 in Butler to the late William Harmon and Winona Suzanne (Miller) Holbein.

He was a well known General Contractor in the Butler and Indiana Areas.

William had a great love for farming. He served on the board of the Butler Farm Show for 33 years and served as Treasurer for 31 of these years.

Recently, he served as Director Emeritus. He also served on the Board for Farmland Preservation under the direction of Ron Fodor. William was a member of Unionville Grange for 50 years. He designed and built the arena bleachers at the Butler Farm Show. This was the start of his great friendship with many Amish workers in the New Wilmington area. He also built the FSA building on the Farm Show Grounds. In the past, he built many buildings in and surrounding the Butler Area: Rivera Dormitory in Slippery Rock, Easter Seals, Allied Auto, Shannon Engineers and Sunbury Fields for retired and handicapped on West Sunbury Road.

He spent many years building in Indiana, PA and the surrounding areas.

Including: the Westgate Apts., Senior Highrise and Senior Centers, Airport Office Complex, the State Police Barracks in Clymer, a Catholic School, and the Catholic Church Starford. In Punxsutawney, he was the contractor and part owner of the Personal Care Home, formerly the old Adrian Hospital, now called Wellington Heights. He was a member of Rider Lutheran Church for

much of his married life. He served in many positions. He especially loved the work involved in Apple Butter Making and the Strawberry Festival.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Donna (Cranmer) Holbein, whom he married June 10, 1949, his children Susan (James) Bennett, William P. (Glenda) Holbein, and Laura (Richard) Fleeger. His brother Robert (Amy), his sisters-in-law Nancy Holbein, Kathryn (Cranmer) Minehart, and Lois (Nebel) Cranmer, and his nieces and nephews. His grandchildren Elizabeth Bennett, William B. (Stacy) Holbein, Sarah Lombardo, David (Jennifer) Holbein, Richard (Nicole) Fleeger, Melissa (Don) Helfer, Rebecca (Clint) Kiddle, and Lucas Fleeger and Virginia Vorndran . He is also survived by his 9 great grandchildren: Lillian Rose, Aiden, and Xander Holbein, Sophia Fleeger, Madalyn and Isaac Helfer, and Liam and Collin Kiddle and Haley Vorndran. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son Jeffrey Holbein, and his brothers Charles R. and Paul Holbein.

Friends will be received at Young Funeral Home, Ltd., 127 W. Jefferson St., Butler, on Thursday, November 6, 2014 from 2-4 & 6-8PM. Services will be held at Rider Lutheran Church, 189 Rider Church Rd., West Sunbury, on Friday, November 7th at 11AM with William's granddaughter, Deacon Melissa Helfer of Trinity Lutheran Church of Westminster, MD officiating, assisted by Pastor Joel Benson of Butler Trinity Lutheran Church.

Interment in West Sunbury Union Cemetery.

Memorial Contributions may be given to VNA Hospice, 154 Hindman Road, Butler, PA 16001.

Tribute Wall



“ *Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William A. Holbein.* ”



November 05, 2014 at 02:12 PM



“ *Irene K. purchased the Heavenly Light for the family of William A. Holbein.* ”



Irene K. - November 05, 2014 at 08:20 AM