

# Obituaries and Memorials

## Mearl W. Wentz

STRINESTOWN

Mearl W. Wentz, 72, died at 9:00 a.m. Sunday, September 5, 2004, at York Hospital. He was the husband of the late P. Theon (Strine) Wentz, to whom he was married for 50 years.

Born January 14, 1932,

in Mt. Wolf, a son of the late Mearl and Catherine (Shank) Wentz, he grew up in the Paddletown area of Newberry Township.

He worked as an auto mechanic his entire career, working for Ammon R Smith Auto Co. from 1955-1958. He spent the next 28 years with Halls Motor Transit, then from 1986 to his retirement in 1997 was employed by Hempt Bros., Inc.

Mr. Wentz was a U.S. Army Veteran of the Korean Conflict, serving in the Army 1901 Aviation Engineers. He was a retired member of Teamster's Local 776; an honorary member of Strinestown Community Fire Co., where he served as Chief Engineer and Trustee, and was honored for 50 years of continued service and dedication; a member of the York County Firefighters Association; the PA Fire Police; York County Fire Police; Galton VFW #6611; God's Country Black Forest Snowmobile Club; Kettle Creek-Germania Sportsman's Club; and a life member of the Northern York County Game & Fish Association. He received an award from Conewago Township in appreciation of 50 years of service; the PA House of Representatives Award for 50 years of service; and the Senate of PA Certificate of Distinguished Service.

Mr. Wentz is survived by four sons, Shawn A. Wentz of Eppers, Quay E. Wentz of York, and Zane M. Wentz and Gerald R. Wentz, both of Strinestown; a daughter, Bradine M. Fisher of York Haven; three brothers, George F. Wentz and Clair E. Wentz, both of York, and Carl R. Wentz of New Cumberland; a sister, Fern E. Smith of Lewisberry; 18 grandchildren;



## James B. Arvin

MOUNT WOLF

James B. Arvin, 75, died at 9:45 Tuesday, September 7, 2004, at York Hospital.

Born in York County August 10, 1929, he was the son of the late Charles and Irene (Snyder) Arvin.

Mr. Arvin was a tool and die maker for the former Naval Ordnance Plant, former AMF, and retired in 1984 from

Harley-Davidson in York. He had previously worked for American Chain and Cable. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

Mr. Arvin was a member of the WAGO Club of Mount Wolf; the 12th Ward Democratic Club; the Hawk Gunning Club; the Starview Sportsman's Association; and the Oak Orchard Riverdale American Legion Post 28 of Millsboro, Delaware.

He is survived by three sons, James B., II, and wife Debbie Arvin of York, Michael E. Arvin of Silver Spring, Md., and Mark B. Arvin of Washington, DC; a daughter, Beth E. Arvin of York; five grandchildren; and a companion, Nancy Fink of York. He is also survived by two brothers, Richard E. Arvin of York and Lance L. Arvin of York Haven; and a sister, Thelma M. Hoover of York. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Dale L. Arvin, Charles W.R. Arvin and Clyde E. Arvin.

A funeral service will be held on Friday at 2 p.m. at the Etzweiler Funeral Home and Cremation Service, 1111 East Market St., York, with Pastor Samuel L. Firestone officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery. Viewings will be held Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. and Friday from 1 to 2 p.m., both at the funeral home. Military graveside services will be conducted by the York County Veterans Honor Guard.

Memorial contributions may be made to the York County Veterans Honor Guard, c/o William Billet, 2495 Middle St., York, PA 17404.

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