



Franklin Reifsnider

October 11, 2011

Of Murrysville, formerly of Monroeville, passed away on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at Forbes Regional Hospital, three days after his 96th birthday. Born and enjoying his early schooling in Akron, Ohio, Franklin Reifsnider's experience as an Eagle Scout served as a precursor of his lifetime of volunteerism, kindness and service to others. Following high school in Akron, he continued his education, receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree from Miami University and his MBA at Harvard School of Business in Boston. He then continued his life of service holding staff positions and volunteering at South Avenue Methodist Church in Wilkesburg and the Garden City and Monroeville Methodist Churches in Monroeville. Serving as a volunteer at Forbes Regional Hospital, Frank chalked up 7318 hours over a 30-year period, making life easier for both patients and staff. He also served two terms on the Monroeville Zoning Hearing Board. From 1939 to 1982 he was employed by Westinghouse Electric Corporation. Franklin began his career there as an Assistant Purchasing Agent in their East Pittsburgh facility and retired as Purchasing Manager for the corporation's Printing Division. Franklin shared his extensive knowledge of industrial printing techniques and protocols by teaching evening classes at The University of Pittsburgh and Duquesne and Robert Morris Universities for nearly thirty years. During all this time, Franklin found time to pursue his hobbies as well: swimming, golfing and avidly studying history. Franklin is survived by his loving wife of 28 years, Eleanor (Davis) Reifsnider. He was the father of Gale Allore of University Heights, OH and Sharon

(Robert) Shriver of Miami, FL. He was grandfather to Cash Allore of Reno, NV, Kristen Allore of New Milford, CN, Stephen Waters of Miami, FL and Nowell Waters of North Carolina. Franklin also leaves an adoring "second" family: Children Kerry (Patricia) Davis of West Chester, PA, and Dawna Brown and Jim Doucet of Penn Township, PA; grandchildren: Jaime (Joel) Reihman of Exton, PA, Tawnya (James) Mann of Clarksburg, WV, Amber Brown and Matt Gettemy of Greensburg, PA and Rebecca Davis of West Chester, PA.; great grandchildren: Brayden and Cameron Mann of Clarksburg, WV and Colton Gettemy of Greensburg, PA; and Brother-In-Law Ken Peters of Monroeville, PA. Friends received at the GENE H. CORL INC. FUNERAL CHAPEL & CREMATION CENTER OF MONROEVILLE, 4335 Northern Pike (1 block East of Mossie Blvd.-Rte. 48) (A Golden Rule Member). Visitation Friday, October 14th from 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. Private services will be held at Monroeville United Methodist Church on Saturday, October 15, 2011. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the Monroeville United Methodist Church, 219 Center Road, Monroeville, PA. 15146, greatly appreciated.