



Max Knighton Hepner

July 24, 2015

Max Knighton Hepner of Mt. Jackson, VA passed away on July 22, 2015. He was born May 13, 1923 in Orange Virginia, son of the late Martin Luther and Ada Webb Hepner. He was a lifelong member of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Mt. Jackson and was the last surviving member of his immediate family. He was a 1941 graduate of Triplett High School in Mt. Jackson. Max proudly served his country in World War II in the United States Merchant Services along with his brothers Hallie Hepner (USMS) and Clarence Hepner (U.S. Army). On February 21, 1948 he married Kathleen L. Mantz, who preceded him in death on November 7, 1986. In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Hallie H. Hepner and Clarence Hepner; and sisters, Hazel Hepner and Lucille V. Tinsinger. Max was co-owner and operator with his brother, Hallie, of Hepner Brothers Inc. in Mt. Jackson, VA, and Augusta Block Inc. of Staunton, VA. Max is survived by his daughters, Mary L. Hepner of Wilkes-Barre PA and Patricia H. Claffey and husband, Stephen, of Staunton, VA and son Gerald T. Hepner and wife, Autumn, of Winchester VA; his grandchildren, Justin C. Hepner and wife, Tamsin, of Chesterfield, VA, Melanie A. Hepner of Harrisonburg VA, Nicholas W. Claffey and wife, Jill, Sarah C. Neilson and husband, Michael, all of Staunton VA; great grandchildren, Elizabeth, Katherine and Victoria Hepner, of Chesterfield VA, Griffin Claffey of Staunton, and future great-grandson Stephen Neilson of Staunton VA. He is also survived by a niece, Sandra Cash; nephews, Hallie Hepner Jr., Joseph Hepner and Ray Tinsinger; and

other nieces, nephews and cousins. Visitation will be at Dellinger Funeral Home on Sunday, July 26th, 2-4 p.m. The casket will be closed. A private service of committal will be at the Mt. Jackson Cemetery officiated by Pastor William Balance and Rev Matthew Diehl. In lieu of flowers, Max requested memorials be made to the Mt. Jackson Rescue and Fire Department, Mt Jackson, Virginia.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dearest Mary, Patricia and G. T., I have such fond memories of Mr. Hepner and the family! Your Father was a classy, respectful gentleman with a kind soul and amazing dancing feet. ;-) I will cherish the wonderful times and my heart will forever smile! May it comfort you to know that Mr. Hepner was a very "loved" man. Grace, Deb.

Debby Ritenour-Crawford - July 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ I offer condolences to the entire Hepner family on the loss of Max. I knew him when I was a kid & as an adult. He was a fine man and credit to his community. R.I.P.

LINN BARTON - July 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM