

John Edward Holleran



FOUNTAIN SPRINGS — John Edward Holleran, 84, of Fountain Springs, passed away Thursday morning at Schuylkill Medical Center, East Norwegian Street, Pottsville.

Born in Shamokin, Dec. 6, 1931, he was a son of the late Edward and Eva Hubicki Holleran.

He attended Coal Township schools and was a 1949 graduate of the former Coal Township High School.

He was a member of the gymnastic and baseball teams.

He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1952 and served until 1954 in the army artillery during the Korean War.

On Jan. 9, 1954, he married the former Clare Marie Medalis in the former St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Mount Carmel, now Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. They were married for 62 years. He was a member of Annunciation BVM Catholic Church of St.

Joseph's Parish, Frackville.

John was an active member of the Holy Name Society and devoted volunteer for the parish picnics. John was a life member of Frackville Elks Lodge No. 1533, life member and historian for the Frackville American Legion Post 398 and a member of the Frackville Area Senior Citizens. He was also a member of various amateur ham radio clubs. John was a die-hard Phillies fan, even when they played poorly. He would refer to them as bums. He was an avid bird watcher and loved his family pets. His pastime was woodworking and making many wood pieces for his beloved family and friends.

He had been employed by Cleveland Brothers Caterpillar Co., Frackville, for 39 years until his retirement in 1989.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Kevin Patrick in 1970 and Edward Mark Holleran in 2014.

Surviving are his wife of 62 years, the former Clare Marie Medalis; a son, Dennis John and his wife, Kathy Holleran, of Kulpmont; three grandsons, whom he greatly loved and adored, Tyler Kevin, Luke Michael and Alex John Holleran; and a daughter-in-law, Joan Holleran of Fleetwood.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Monday in

Annunciation BVM Church, Frackville, with the Rev. Robert T. Finlan as celebrant. Interment with full military honors will follow in the parish cemetery. Friends may call at Annunciation BVM Church from 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday and from 10 a.m. until the time of Mass Monday.

In lieu of flowers the family prefers contributions in John's name be made to the memorial fund of St. Joseph's Parish at 7 S. Broad Mountain Ave. Frackville, 17931, or to the Frackville Senior Citizens, 130 E. Frack St., Frackville, 17931. Sign the guestbook, leave personal condolences and find further information by visiting www.thomasmsullivanfuneralhome.com. The Thomas M. Sullivan Funeral Home, Frackville, is in charge of the arrangements.