

Albert Hummel

Albert "Absie" Hummel, a lifelong resident of Frackville, died Sunday evening at his daughter's residence in Fountain Springs.

Born in Pottsville, he was a son of the late Lou and Emma Neiswender Hummel.

He attended Frackville Schools.

Absie worked as a truck driver for PennDOT for 30 years before retiring in 2002.

He was a member of St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, Frackville, and BPO Elks Lodge 1533, Frackville, where he was honored as Elk of the Year in 1996, was a past trustee and served on numerous house committees. He was also a social member of American Legion Post 398, Frackville, a member of the AFSCME Union and a past board member of Frackville Area Municipal Authority. Absie worked with many community organizations in and surrounding the Frackville area.

He was preceded in death by a son, Bernard Kreitzer, in 2004; half sisters and half brothers.

Surviving are his wife, Helen Kupcha Kreitzer Hummel, to whom he was married 30 years; a daughter, Denise and her husband, Paul Sankus, Fountain Springs; a son, Richard Kreitzer Sr. and his wife, Dawn, Frackville; a brother, Ralph Hummel, Frackville; a sister, Dorothy Lechleitner, Pottsville; nine grandchildren,

Rachel Sankus, Janelle and husband, Dennis Siket, Justine Kreitzer, Richard Kreitzer Jr., Jonas and wife, Kim Kreitzer, Jesse Kreitzer, Joshua Kreitzer, Paul and wife, Nikki Sankus, and Joseph Sankus; seven great-grandchildren, Jonas, Noah, Morgan and Benjamin Kreitzer, Brooke Siket, and Mazie and Lizzy Sankus; nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday in St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, Frackville, with the Rev. David W. Karns as celebrant. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Albert L. Gricoski Funeral Home, Frackville.

Interment will be in St. Joseph Parish Cemetery, Butler Township. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Frackville Elks Cerebral Palsy Fund, Third and Arch streets, Frackville, PA 17931.