John R. "Jack" Joseph

John R. "Jack" Joseph, 86, of 220 S. Nice St., Frackville, died Saturday at his residence with his family by his side.

Born in Mahanoy City, June 24, 1921, he was a son of the late Peter and Anna Jacusky Joseph.

He graduated from Mahanoy City High School, class of 1939.

Jack attained the rank of Tech Sergeant in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He served in the Southwest Pacific Theatre as Crew Chief / Aerial Engineer with the 318th Troop Carrier Squadron, 3rd Air Commando Group.

He worked for over 36 years in management and supervisory capacity with Roadway Express Inc. at various terminal sites in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Georgia and North Carolina, retiring in 1984.

He was a member of the Annunciation BVM Catholic Church and the Holy Name Society, Frackville, and he was active in many church activities. He was a member of the Knights of Lithuania, Anthracite Council 144, the Rev. James A. Hogan Council, Knights of Columbus 2580, the American Legion Post 398, where he served as chaplain for all of Frackville, the Mid- Atlantic Air Museum and life member of the Air Force Association.

Jack was also a member of the Frackville, BPO. Elks 1533, Past
District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, PA Northeast Central
District, 1996-97; Past Exalted Ruler, Past Chaplain and Past Elk
of the Year. He was active in many committees and special
projects, including the Flag Day ceremonies, Eagle Scouts awards
and Hospitalized Veterans, and he was a member of the
Frackville Senior Citizens.

He was preceded in death by six brothers, Joseph, George, William, Ambrose, Peter Jr. and Edward; four sisters, Mary, Theresa, Alberta and Margaret.

Surviving are his wife Leona Ziegmont Joseph to whom he was married 57 years; a daughter, Karen Jane Morrison; a sister, Gerry DiCasimirro; many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday at Annunciation BVM Catholic Church, Frackville, with the Rev. Dominik Kalata officiating. Friends may call at the church from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 a.m. Thursday until time of Mass.

Interment with military honors will be in Annunciation Parish Cemetery, Butler Township. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Jack's name to Annunciation Mass or Memorial Fund, 7 S. Broad Mountain Ave. Frackville, PA 17931.

Albert L. Gricoski Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Leona Z. Joseph

February 8, 2010

Leona Z. Joseph, 84, of Frackville, died Monday morning at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Allentown.

Born in Gilberton, she was a daughter of the late William and Helen Leskie Ziegmont. She graduated from Gilberton High School and was a homemaker.

Leona was a member of Annunciation BVM Catholic Church,
Frackville; Knights of Lithuania Council 144, Lithuanian Women
of Schuylkill County, Catholic Daughters of America, St.
James Court 1029, Frackville Senior Citizens and Shenandoah
Senior Citizens.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, John R. Joseph, in 2007; three brothers, William, in 1973, Charles, in 1992, and Carl Ziegmont, in 2008.

Surviving are her daughter, Karen Jane Morrison; three sisters, Helen Tulenko, York, Mary Theresa Mucha, Towson, Md., and Natalie Gaburick, Timonium, Md.; a brother, Joseph Ziegmont, Gilberton; nieces and nephews.

Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Saturday morning in Annunciation BVM Catholic Church, Frackville, with the Rev. Edward Essig, pastor, officiating. Relatives and friends are invited to call at the church from 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass.

Interment will be in Annunciation Parish Cemetery, Englewood,
Butler Township. Donations can be made in Leona's name to
Annunciation Church Memorial Fund, 7 S. Broad Mountain Ave.,
Frackville, PA 17931. Albert L. Gricoski Funeral Home, Frackville,
has charge of arrangements. Condolences can be e-mailed
through www.gricoskifuneralhome.com.