

John H. "Hap" Merinsky

John Henry "Hap" Merinsky, 83, of Frackville, died peacefully early Friday morning at Schuylkill Medical Center-East Norwegian Street, with his family at his side.

Born in Morea, he was a son of the late Voycek and Mary Anna Marynowski.

He had been employed by the Schuylkill Mall, Frackville, as the maintenance foreman until his retirement. He was an Army veteran.

Hap was a member of St. Joseph Roman Catholic Parish, Frackville. He was a life member of Friendship Fire Company, Englewood, a member of Six County Fireman, and a life member of Knights of Columbus, Father James A. Hogan Council 2580, Frackville. He was an avid Phillies fan.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Jean Blickley, in 1995; a son, George Merinsky; and five brothers, Frank Merinsky, Joseph Merrin and Chester, Gene and Ted Marynowski.

Hap is survived by a daughter, Sue, wife of Wayne Frantz, Englewood, Frackville; a granddaughter, Ashley, wife of George Maslennikov, Shamong, N.J.; great-grandchildren, Alex and Emma Maslennikov; a sister, Millie Nanna, New York; a brother and sister-in-law, Jack and June Blickley; nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Frackville, with the Rev. Robert T. Finlan, pastor, as the celebrant.

Interment will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Englewood. Friends may call from 9:30 a.m. Tuesday until the time of Mass at the church. Contributions may be made in Hap's name to either the Memorial Fund of St. Joseph's Parish, 7 S. Broad Mountain Ave., Frackville, PA 17931 or Friendship Fire Company, P.O. Box 157, Frackville, PA 17931. To sign the guest book, leave personal condolences and for further information, please visit www.thomsullivanfuneralhome.com. Thomas M. Sullivan Funeral Home, Frackville, is in charge of arrangements.