Stephen J. Minahan, Sr.

Stephen J. Minahan Sr., 71, of Mahanoy Plane, passed away Sunday at home with his family by his side.

Born in Ashland, June 23, 1945, he was a son of the late James E. and Elizabeth A. Meade Minahan.

He was an Army veteran and a member of the former Holy Rosary Church, Mahanoy Plane.

He was a 1963 graduate of Mahanoy Area High School and worked at Gilberton Coal Co.

He enjoyed fishing, gardening, spending time with his grandchildren and his dog and best friend, Coal.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Carol Weikel Minahan, who died in July 2004; a sister, Mary Anne Lomas, wife of George; a brother, James Minahan.

He is survived by a son and a daughter, Stephen Minahan Jr., husband of Stacey, and Kelly Sommers, wife of Mike; a brother and a sister, John Minahan, and Betsy George, wife of Lloyd; four grandchildren, Michael Sommers, Kylie Sommers, Stephen Minahan and Brady Minahan; nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Kull-Heizenroth Funeral Home, Ashland, with the Rev. Paul Rothermel officiating.

Interment will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Frackville. A viewing will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday and from 9 to 10 a.m. Friday before the service in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers,

memorial contributions can be made to American Hose Company No. 2, 2315 Main t., Mahanoy Plane, PA 17949. Kull-Heizenroth Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Visit www.kullfuneral.com.