

# *Victor P. Prep*



Victor P. Prep, 95, of Frackville, passed away peacefully Wednesday at home surrounded by his loving family.

Born March 29, 1920, in Gilberton, he was a son of the late Enoch and Petrona Patrickonis Prep, who emigrated from Lithuania.

He attended West Mahanoy Township grade school, Frackville High School and highway engineering school at Scranton ICS.

Later in life, he graduated from Connecticut VA Computer Training for Blind Veterans.

Victor is survived by his wife of 74 years, Evelyn Swartz Prep, Frackville; a son, Victor M. Prep and wife, Eileen, Girardville; a daughter, Diane and husband, Jack Macknis, Yardley; grandchildren, Christine Prep, Victoria Lee Nelson, Heather Quinn and John Macknis; five great-grandchildren.

Victor loved his life and did everything with gusto. He was

extremely active and never at a loss for energy. He recently remarked that this past Father's Day was the best one he ever experienced because he enjoyed a barbecue with his entire family. Indeed, he ended every prayer before eating by thanking God for his family. His wonderful wife, Evelyn, was the most important thing in his life and one of the things he loved to do with her was dance. He was an animal lover who always had a dog as a member of his family and fed the birds in his yard every morning. Victor was very happy and content in his final days.

Vic served proudly in the Army from 1942 to 1946 honorably discharged as First Sergeant.

He created his own paycheck his entire life, starting in the coal business in 1935. After World War II he took charge of his parents' tavern business in Frackville. At that time he also started manufacturing and selling lightweight cinder aggregate. He operated these until 1981, when health considerations forced him into active retirement.

Victor was a lifelong member of Annunciation BVM Church, Frackville. He was always a perpetual volunteer and promoter for every activity within his reach. He was a member since 1939 of the Frackville Elks 1533, a 1938 charter lifetime member of the Altamont Fire Company, a 1953 charter member of the Frackville Lions Club, a charter member of the Anthracite Council 144 Knights of Lithuania, a third degree member of the Knights of Columbus 2580, Frackville, a 40-year member of the American Legion Post 398, Frackville. Victor was also an active member of

Frackville Seniors and Shenandoah Seniors. He was a life member of DAV Chapter 77 Schuylkill, and a 35-year charter member of Lakeland Colony Volunteer Organization of Lake Wallenpaupack, managing community needs.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 11 a.m. Monday at Annunciation BVM Roman Catholic Church, Frackville, with the Rev. Robert Finlan as the celebrant. Relatives and friends may call from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at the church.

Private interment with military honors will take place in the Annunciation BVM Cemetery, Englewood. Thomas J. Bartashus Funeral Home, New Philadelphia, is in charge of arrangements.