

Edward Shearn



Edward J. "Butch" Shearn, 76, of 141 N. Center St., Frackville, retired Frackville police chief, died Saturday morning at his home.

Born in Lost Creek, he was a son of the late John M. and Rose McCauley Shearn Wallacavage.

He served as a police officer in Frackville for 30 years, the last 10 years as the chief, until his retirement in 1992.

Known for his love of singing and his great Irish wit, he is well remembered for his participation in the local minstrel shows, Christmas caroling throughout Frackville, and his participation on local radio shows over the St. Patrick's Day holiday. He was an avid follower of his beloved Notre Dame football team.

He was a devout and faithful member of St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, Frackville. He was a member of Knights of Columbus, Father James A. Hogan Council 2580, Frackville, Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree, Schuylkill County Chapter, Pennsylvania Police Chiefs Association, life member of the Fraternal Order of Police, Goodwill Hose 1- Company, Frackville, and a former member of the Frackville Recreation Board.

In 1987, he was inducted into the Jerry Wolman Sports Hall of Fame for his numerous accomplishments during his high school career.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Bernard J.

He is survived by his wife, the former Sophie Urban, with whom he would have celebrated 56 years of marriage in July; four sons, John "Jack" M. and his wife, Deb, Edward M. and his wife, Marilyn, all of Frackville, Robert M. and his wife, Doris, Wyoming, Pa., William M., Mount Carmel; a daughter, Mary K. and her husband, Brian Walsh, Orwigsburg; eight grandchildren, John, Tim, Rebekah, Jill, Marcie, Brendan, Nathan Shearn and Andrei Walsh.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday from Thomas M. Sullivan Funeral Home, Frackville. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. in St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, with the Rev. David W. Karns, pastor, officiating.

Interment will be in the parish cemetery, Englewood, Frackville. Friends may call at the funeral home from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday. The family prefers contributions in his name be made to St. Joseph's Catholic Church Memorial Fund or to the Frackville library.

Sophie Shearn

September 21, 2013

Sophie Shearn, 84, Frackville, passed away early Saturday morning at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Frackville, she was a daughter of the late Peter and Barbara Dembitsky Urban.

She was a devout member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Frackville, where she could always be found volunteering at any activities that the parish was holding. She was a member of the parish rosary group and was a supporter of the Frackville Food Bank.

Sophie was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Edward J. "Butch" Shearn, in 2006; her son, Edward M.; her great-grandson, Ryan Michael Langehennig; eight brothers, Frank, Bill, Michael, John, George, Peter, Peter II and Andy Urban; and two sisters, infant Mary and Mary Farnish.

She is survived by three sons, John M. "Jack" and his wife, Debbie Shearn, Frackville, Robert M. and his wife, Doris Shearn, Erlanger, Ky., and William M., Mount Carmel; her daughter, Mary Kay, wife of Brian Walsh, Orwigsburg; eight grandchildren, John, Tim and Rebekah Shearn, Jill Langehennig, Marcie Morris, Andrei Walsh, Brendan and Nathan Shearn; two great-grandchildren, Jossalyn and Evan Michael; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday from the

Thomas M. Sullivan Funeral Home, Frackville. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Frackville, with the Rev. Robert Finlan as the celebrant.

Interment will be in the parish cemetery, Englewood, Frackville. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family prefers contributions in Sophie's name to either the Frackville food bank or to the Wounded Warriors Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 666758517. Sign the guest book, leave personal condolences and for further information, please visit www.thomasmullivanfuneralhome.com.