Edward J. Sklaris



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Edward J. Sklaris, 88, Frackville, passed away peacefully Wednesday night at his home, with his wife at his side.

Born April 14, 1928, in Girardville, he was a son of the late Walter and Stella (Laurinavage) Sklaris.

He was a 1947graduate of the former J.W. Cooper High School, Shenandoah, where he served as class president.

Edward served proudly in the Air Force from 1950-1954 as an air craft mechanic attaining the rank of staff sergeant during the Korean War.

He was a member of St. Joseph's Parish and a life member of Annunciation B.V.M. Catholic Church, Frackville, where he had served on numerous committees through the years, life member of American Federation of Musicians, a 60 year member of American Legion Post # 74, Mahanoy City, life member of Frackville Elks Lodge #1533, member of Frackville Area Senior Citizens and former member of Knights of Columbus, Frackville.

After returning from serving his country he worked with his father-in- law, Victor Palulis, as an apprentice learning heating and plumbing. After 12 years he became the owner of the business and ran it until his retirement in 1995.

Ed loved life and loved music having played the accordion for many years but his main love was dancing and traveling with his wife Mary.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brother Walter Sklaris Jr., he was the last member of his immediate family.

He is survived by his wife, of 63 years, Mary R. (Palulis) and by several nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Tuesday in Annunciation Church, Frackville, with Rev. Robert Finlan as the celebrant.

Interment, with full military honors, will be in the parish cemetery, Englewood, Frackville. Friends may call at the church on Tuesday from 9 a.m. until time of mass.

Mary Rose Sklaris



Mary Rose Sklaris, Frackville passed away peacefully at Shenandoah Manor Nursing Center on Wednesday morning, her 91st birthday.

Born in Shenandoah, she was a daughter of the late Victor and Agnes Denavage Palulis.

She worked in sales for the former Shen-an and Wolowitz children store, Shenandoah.

Mary was a member of St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Frackville and the Frackville Area Senior Citizens.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Edward J. Sklaris with whom she celebrated 68 years of marriage; a sister, Dorothy Grigas and a brother, Edward Palulis.

Mary is survived by her nieces: Vivian Verna and Carol Whalen; her nephews: Steve, Ronald, and Donald Sklaris; numerous great and great-great nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 12 noon on Monday, February 24th from Annunciation BVM Catholic Church, Frackville with Rev. Brian Miller, pastor, as the celebrant. Friends are invited to her visitation on Monday morning from 11 a.m. until the time of mass at the church.

Interment will follow in Annunciation BVM Cemetery, Englewood, Frackville.