

OBITUARY

George Westley Ayres Sr.

George Westley Ayres Sr., 78, of Chester Township, died Oct. 17 at his home after a short illness.

He was born in Camden and grew up in Hackettstown. He lived in Succasunna before moving to Chester in 1958.

He was a bus driver for the Lakeland Bus Co. in Dover, one of their first drivers, and worked for them for 35 years before retiring in 1981.

Mr. Ayres was an exempt member of Roxbury Fire Co. No. 1 in Succasunna, and a member of Musconetcong Masonic Lodge F&AM No. 152, as well as a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Trenton. He was a member of the First Congregational Church of Chester, an avid gardener and truck farmer who enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Evelyn M. (Shann) Ayres; a son, George W. Ayres Jr. of Carthage, N.Y.; two daughters, Betty Jane Ayres of Gap, Pa., and Mary Ann Garrison of Torrington, Conn.; a brother, Horace, and a sister, Della O'Mara, both of

Hackettstown; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made in Mr. Ayres' name to the American Cancer Society, 669 Littleton Rd., Parsippany, NJ 07054; or to the First Congregational Church Memorial Fund, Hillside Road, Chester, NJ 07930.

Burial was in Chester Cemetery.

The Davis & Hepplewhite Funeral Home of Succasunna was in charge of arrangements.

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