

OBITUARY



James L. Cochran, 83, of Hackettstown, died June 24, 2013 at his home after a lengthy struggle with Alzheimers.

Born June 30, 1929 in Morristown, Jim was the son of the late Lloyd B. & Margaret Groff Cochran. A lifelong resident of the Hackettstown area, Jim was proud to call himself a third generation Hackettstonian.

Jim owned and operated the Cochran Funeral Home in Hackettstown for more than 40 years having assumed the position of owner from his father, Lloyd B. Cochran in 1960. His grandfather, Charles M. Cochran, established the business in 1899.

A graduate of Hackettstown High School in 1947, Jim was a standout basketball player and captain of the team for several years. He continued his love of the game as a post graduate at Blair Academy, Blairstown, Rider College, Lawrenceville, Nichols College, Dudley Mass. and on the semi-professional circuit of the tri-state area.

Jim was a lifelong member of the Hackettstown First Presbyterian Church and served as an Elder for many years.

Jim was one of the founders of the Skylands Community Bank, Hackettstown and served on the original board of directors.

An active member of the community, he belonged to several local civic organizations such as the Hackettstown Kiwanis where he was club president in 1972, Hackettstown Rotary, Past President of the Tri-County Funeral Directors Association, Hackettstown and Allamuchy Historical Societies, The Allamuchy Gun Club and was a 60-year member of the former Musconetcong Lodge 42, F.& A.M., Hackettstown. After his retirement, Jim enjoyed traveling with his beloved wife of 57 years, the late Shirley Gongwer Cochran, spending time with his family, and wintering in the Florida Keys, and enjoying his favorite hobbies of fishing and bird hunting.

He is survived by a daughter, Laura C. Morris and her husband Larry of Wyckoff and his son and fourth generation owner of the funeral home, James G. "Chip" Cochran and his wife Amy of Hackettstown, along with four loving grandchildren, Rebecca L. and Colby James Morris, Wyckoff, Christian L. and Cameron E. Cochran, Hackettstown, and his loving canine companion, Sam.

Lastly, words will never be sufficient in expressing our endless love and gratitude to our "adopted family," Rosa, Christopher, Bob and Debbie for their unwavering love, support and care that they provided which allowed Dad to spend his last years at his beloved home.

Visitation will be on Friday, June 28, 2013 from 4-7 p.m., at the Cochran Funeral Home, 905 High St., Hackettstown. Funeral Services will be on Saturday, 11 a.m., at the Hackettstown First Presbyterian Church, Main Street, Hackettstown. Interment will take place immediately following the service at Union Cemetery, Hackettstown.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to his beloved church. Online condolences may be made at cochranfuneral.com.

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