

**Charles E. Drake,
World War II veteran**

Charles E. Drake, 87, of Hackettstown, died Friday, Feb. 21, in Care Center of Lopatcong, where he resided since 1993.

He was a self-employed television and appliance repairman for many years, and was last employed as a laborer at the Califon Basket Co.

Born Aug. 9, 1909, in Middle Valley, Washington Township, N.J., he was a son of the late Loug and Mertie Beam Drake. He lived in Hackettstown for 15 years. He had also lived in Middle Valley and Long Valley for many years.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

His first wife, Marcella, died in 1967. His second wife, Gladys, died in 1985.

There are no immediate survivors.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday from the Coughlin Funeral Home, 15 Academy St., Califon. Call 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.

Burial will be in Lower Valley Union Cemetery in Califon.

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