

OBITUARY

Richard Eitel, 84, of Hackettstown, N.J., died Saturday, September 29, 2012, at Newton Medical Center after a brief illness. A memorial service will be held on Friday, Oct. 12, 2012, at 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel at House of The Good Shepherd Retirement Community located at 798 Willow Grove St., Hackettstown, N.J. 07840. Arrangements are under the direction of the Smith-McCracken Funeral Home, 63 High St., Newton, N.J. Online condolences may be offered at www.smithmccrackenfuneralhome.com. Born and raised in Newark, N.J., Mr. Eitel raised his family in Cranford, N.J. and Warren, N.J. He retired to Punta Gorda, Fla. before moving to House of the Good Shepherd in Hackettstown two years ago. He graduated with a B.S. in civil engineering from Lafayette College in Easton, Pa. and was a New Jersey licensed professional engineer. Mr. Eitel began his career in construction engineering with the Pennsylvania Railroad. He then worked for Porter and Ripa for many years, and retired from O'Brien-Kreitzberg in 1993. A member of the BPOE (Elks) in New Jersey and Florida, Mr. Eitel was also a life member of Sigma Nu fraternity (Gamma Epsilon chapter 430). He was a certified exempt volunteer fireman for the Warren Township Community Fire Department 3, a member of the Eastern German Shorthaired Pointer Club, and a life member of the NRA. The son of the late Frederick H. and Dorothy Yuill Eitel, Mr. Eitel was predeceased by his first wife, Ruth O'Conner Eitel, on Jan. 19, 2012; his second wife, Shirlee Connolly Eitel, on April 8, 2012; and a son, James Eitel on August 13, 2002. He is survived by three sons, Richard Eitel, Jr., and wife, Betsy of Townsend, Dela.; Lawrence Eitel of Neshanic, N.J. and Kevin Eitel and wife, Sandi, of Byram Township, N.J.; three grandchildren, Matthew, Andrew and Elizabeth and a great-grandchild, Kallista Riley. Memorial donations may be made to either the Warren Township Fire Department, 46 Mountain Blvd., Warren, N.J. 07059, or Lafayette College Gift Accounts, 307 Markle Hall, Easton, Pa. 18042.

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