

OBITUARY

Raymond 'Mike' Freeborn, 78, died Saturday June 26, 2010, at Bristol Glen senior living community.

Mr. Freeborn raised his family in Allamuchy and resided in Hardwick before moving to Newton two years ago. He was born in Almond, N.Y., July 29, 1931.

Mr. Freeborn was a self-employed dairy farmer before driving trucks for Westbrook Farms and Welsh Farms before he retired. He was a volunteer fireman for the Oldwick Fire Company as well as the Long Valley Fire and Rescue Squad. He was a cofounder of the Allamuchy/Green Township First Aid Company.

He was a sergeant in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955.

Mr. Freeborn was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley P. (Shisler) Freeborn, and his parents, Arleigh and Edna (Heinonen) Freeborn. He also was predeceased by son Craig Freeborn, two brothers, 'Pat' and 'Pete' Freeborn, two sisters, Phyllis Cramer and Julia 'Dutch' Sayer and stepson Jeffery Pastor.

He is survived by his son Michael Freeborn and his wife, Rose, of LeRaysville, Pa., and stepsons, Scott Pastor and his wife, Jeanne, of Harrisburg, Pa. and Robert Pastor and his wife, Christine, of Bridgewater; daughters Donna Olsyn and her husband, Michael, of Columbia Crossroads, Pa., Denise Polowy and her husband, Edward, of Johnsonburg, Diane Kretsch and her husband, Thomas, of Andover, stepdaughter Kimberly Chesonis, of Hopatcong; a brother, Russel 'Ding' and his wife, Sandy, of Califon; and sister, Shirley Gibbs, of Allamuchy, 22 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday at Cochran Funeral Home, 905 Hight St., Hackettstown. Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Karen Ann Quinlan Hospice, 99 Sparta Ave., Newton, NJ 07860 or Bristol Glen Methodist Homes, 200 Bristol Glen Drive, Newton, NJ 07860, would be appreciated.

The New Jersey Herald: June 27 to June 28, 2010

NAME: Freeborn, Raymond

DATE OF DEATH: June 26, 2010