

OBITUARY

Robert E. Hand, 80 years old, of Hackettstown, NJ and formerly of Mt. Arlington, NJ, died February 1, 2015 at Overlook Hospital, Summit, NJ with his loving family at his side. Born April 29, 1934 in Jersey City, NJ, Robert was the son of the late Theodore & Ursula Leech Hand. Mr. Hand grew up in Jersey City which is where he eventually met his loving wife, Joan Taggart. Together they raised their family and lived in Mt. Arlington for 45 years then moved to Hackettstown, NJ eight years ago. Robert retired as an Assistant Supervisor having worked at both the Hopatcong and Landing Post Offices. He proudly served our country in the United States Army from 1954 to 1956 and was a current member of Our Lady of the Mountain Church of Schooley's Mtn, NJ.

In addition to his wife Joan, he is survived by 3 children, Robert Hand Jr. of Hopatcong, NJ and his former wife Sheila Roberts; 2 daughters; Maureen Lay and her husband Patrick of Great Meadows, NJ and Diane Baldwin of Johnsonburg, NJ, 4 siblings, Lawrence, Edward, Donald and sister Patricia Scarcellil. Five loving grandchildren, Matthew & Eric Hand and Patrick, Erin & Megan Lay. Robert was predeceased by his son-in-law, Lloyd Baldwin as well as his siblings Theodore, Joseph, William and Ursula.

Viewing hours will be on Friday, 2-6-15 from 2-4 & 7-9pm at the Cochran Funeral Home, 905 High St., Hackettstown, NJ, 07840. A 10am Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, 2-7-15 at Our Lady of the Mountain Church, Schooley's Mtn, NJ. Interment will follow at Union Cemetery, Hackettstown, NJ. In lieu of flowers, please consider the HRMC Foundation, Attn: Pulmonary Rehabilitation Dept. 651 Willow Grove St, Hackettstown, NJ. Condolences to the family may be given at www.cochranfuneral.com

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