

OBITUARY

Wesley Charles Hill, 90, a resident of Hackettstown for the past 63 years, died Dec. 8, 2008 at the Forest Manor Care Center in Frelinghuysen Township.

Born Feb. 13, 1918 in Vienna, he was a son of the late Theodore and Laura Wheeler Hill.

A 1936 graduate of Hackettstown High School, Mr. Hill was a supervisor with the Lackawanna Leather Co. in Hackettstown until retiring in 1972. He also worked for Williams & Hibler in Hackettstown and the Cochran Funeral Home in Hackettstown where he retired in 2006.

He served on the Hackettstown Town Council from 1948-53 and was an honorary member of Cataract Hose Company No. 1 of the Hackettstown Fire Department since 1953.

Mr. Hill was a former member of Blue Ridge Post 164, American Legion, where he was commander in 1947. He was a member of Independence Lodge 42, Free & Accepted Masons, and received its Grand Master's White Apron Award in 1992.

He was a life member and past officer of Warren County Forest 14, Tall Cedars of Lebanon; an aide to the Supreme Tall Cedar in 1983; a life member and past officer of the Warren County Rangers, Tall Cedars of Lebanon; a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Trenton; and past president of the Scottish Rite Club of Northwest New Jersey. An Army veteran of World War II, Mr. Hill served with the 407th Infantry Regiment of the 102nd Division where he received a Silver Star and the Combat Infantry Badge.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, John A., Frank and Ernie; and three sisters, Carolyn Richards, Charlotte Benward and Mary Hansen.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret M. Young Hill; two daughters, Judy and husband Mike Stone of Hackettstown and Bonnie and husband Brad Byerlee of Washington Borough; a sister, Jean Beaumont of Hackettstown; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were held Dec. 12 at the Cochran Funeral Home. Interment was in Pequest Union Cemetery, Great Meadows.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to Muscular Dystrophy, c/o Warren County Forest 14, P.O. Box 804, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.cochranfuneral.com.

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