

## OBITUARY

ALLAMUCHY TWP. ô Frederic David Hoff died Saturday, December 10, 2011 in his home. He was 86.

A retired newspaper reporter and editor, he had covered the Warren County area for 55 years. Early in his career he worked for the Blairstown Free Press as an editor and the Washington Star, predecessor to the Star-Gazette, as bureau chief. He then spent 42 years with the Express-Times, which was called the Easton Express when he started with it. He used the byline F. David Hoff.

Born in the Alphano section of Allamuchy on Nov. 7, 1925, he lived in Allamuchy his entire life. He was a son of Charles S. and Madge (Munroe) Hoff.

While at Hackettstown High School, he was the editor of the school newspaper. He served in the Navy during World War II as a seaman 1st class.

After the war, Hoff studied journalism at Rutgers University, where he earned his bachelor's degree, then in 1950 started newspaper work.

He retired from the Express-Times in 2005 and Editor Joseph P. Owens said then that ôDave was the face and voice of the Express-Times in Warren County for more than 40 years.ö

Heö covered murders, car crashes, criminal and civil trials, municipal meetings, house fires and elections. He wrote about the Warren County Farmers' Fair for some 40 years and wrote of the Tocks Island Dam debate.

He helped cover the great flood of 1955 and a 1953 car crash on Route 31 that took the lives of five adults and five children all traveling in the same vehicle. And he wrote about the creation of new school districts in Warren County and the housing development that changed an agricultural area into suburbia.

Besides newspapering, he was an avid reader and an automobile enthusiast.

His wife, Marion Anthony Hoff, died earlier. He was also predeceased by two brothers, Karl G. and John N. Hoff.

Surviving are two sons, Marcus Hoff and Peter Hoff, both of Allamuchy; five grandchildren, Barry John, Christopher, Heather, Shane and Nikki; and four great-grandchildren, Sarrah, Jackson, Owen and Gavin.

Services are private, under the direction of the Cochran Funeral Home, Hackettstown.

Memorial donations can be made to the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301.

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