

OBITUARY



Col. Howard C. "Hod" Housel, 98 of Hackettstown, NJ passed away on Saturday, July 16, 2016 at St. Clare's Hospital in Dover, NJ surrounded by his loving family. Born March 27, 1918 in Phillipsburg, NJ, Howard was the son of the late Edgar R. & Myrtle Gardner Housel. Hod proudly served his country in the United States Army. A career veteran, Col. Housel served in the Army for almost 39 years beginning in 1939. Of his many accomplishments in the service, he was most proud to have served in General Patton's third army and having fought in the Battle of the Bulge and Utah Beach during the Normandy invasion. In addition, Hod was issued a rare "Battlefield Commission" in Krefeld, Germany to the rank of Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery Division. He was also the recipient of Purple Heart and Bronze Star for Valor. In all, he was the recipient of over 25 Medals and Military Decorations during his most impressive career from which he retired in 1978. Col.

Housel remained very active in his community and was a proud member of Musconetcong Lodge #42 F. & A.M in Budd Lake, NJ having served as Past Master of the former Independence Lodge # 42, Hackettstown, NJ, Past Grand Chaplain, State of NJ, Past Grand Tall Cedar of the Warren County Chapter 14, Past District Deputy of the Tall Cedars and the Past President of the National Sojourners Association. He was also a member of the American Legion Blueridge Post #164 and the V.F.W. of Hackettstown, NJ. Hod is survived by two children, a son Pat Housel and his wife Sharon of Macungie, PA and a daughter Lynda Statler and her husband Fred of Hackettstown, NJ. Five loving grandchildren, Jason, Jessica, Brett, Doug & Alicia as well as six great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Marion McNamara Housel and a sister, Doris "Pinky" Wydner. Visitation will take place Wednesday, July 20, 2016 from 4:00 to 8:00pm at the Cochran Funeral Home, 905 High Street, Hackettstown, NJ, 07840. Funeral Services will be Thursday at the funeral home beginning at 10:00am. Interment will be at the South Easton Cemetery, Easton, Pa. In Lieu of flowers, please consider donating to [The Muscular Dystrophy Association](http://www.muscular-dystrophy.org) in Col. Housel's name. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.cochranfuneral.com.

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