

Cornelius Kappers

Cornelius Kappers, 95, of Hackettstown, quietly passed away on Saturday, June 26, 2010 at the House of the Good Shepherd.

Born: Cor was born November 2, 1914 in Enschede, Netherlands.

Personal: In 1930, at the age of 16, Cor immigrated to the United States leaving family and friends in Holland. He graduated from Sussex High School and shortly thereafter moved to Hackettstown.

During World War II he volunteered as an electrician and was stationed in Greenland. While returning home he survived the sinking of the Dorchester.

A successful businessman, he purchased Hackettstown Electric Company from his uncle, Fritz Nybuis, in 1943. He founded HECO Gas Company in 1947 and later acquired the Bridgeville Coal and Oil Company to form C. Kappers & Son. Cor and Dini Lumker Kappers, his wife of 64 years, traveled extensively in the U.S. and returned many times to their hometown in the Netherlands.

Memberships: Cor was actively involved in the First Presbyterian Church of Hackettstown where he served as an elder, deacon, choir member and a member of pastoral nominating committees. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club and was instrumental in the raising of funds to purchase the future site of the Hackettstown Medical Center.

Survivors: A son Cornelius (Neil) B. Kappers and wife Dorothy of Hackettstown; daughter Rita Kappers Alesi and husband Charles of Winchester, MA; grandchildren, Joshua Luke Kappers of Annapolis, MD, Kara Alesi of Brooklyn, Ineke Alesi Conway and husband Patrick of Somerville, MA; and great-grandson Thomas Conway.

Services: Visitation at the Cochran Funeral Home, 705 High Street, Hackettstown will be held 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 30 and 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, July 1 with services immediately following at 11 a.m. Thursday.

Memorials: In lieu of flowers, donations to the First Presbyterian Church Capital Fund, 298 Main Street, Hackettstown, NJ 07840 or The House of The Good Shepherd, 798 Willow Grove Street, Hackettstown, NJ 07840 would be appreciated by the family.

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