

## OBITUARY



Cornelius B. (Neil) Kappers, 75, left us on September 9, 2017, at home with his wife by his side after a battle with mesothelioma. Neil lived in Hackettstown, NJ, until he married in 1989, then moved to Mansfield Twp. He was born in Sussex County on May 6, 1942. He was the son of the late Cornelius and Gerritdina 'Dini' Lumker Kappers. Neil was in the first graduating class from Hackettstown High School in 1960. He graduated from the State University of New York where he got his degree in HVACR. He served in the National Guard-Army division. He was the former owner of C. Kappers & Son, Inc. Neil developed and built Parks Edge Business Centre. He also built Victorian office building on Washington Street in Hackettstown formerly known as the Cordina Building. He was a licensed electrician and plumber. Neil founded Sussex County Electrical Association, was the president of

Sussex County Fuel Merchants Association, belonged to Hackettstown Kiwanis, and was a member of the American Legion Post 164, Hackettstown, NJ. Neil was the first local boy who earned the God and Country Award. He also was an Eagle Scout. He served as a Deacon and an Elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Hackettstown. Neil loved to help his church and the American Legion with various projects. Neil loved traveling around the U.S., Canada and Mexico in his 5th Wheel with his beloved wife, Dorothy. He also traveled to the Netherlands many times to visit family and travel around Europe. He is survived by his loving wife, Dorothy (Fletcher) Kappers; three children, Luke Kappers and his wife, Lisa, of Edgewater, MD.; stepson, Albert Fritschie and his wife, Melissa, of Oakmont, PA, and stepdaughter, Andrea Tompkins and her husband, Bruce, of Mill City, OR.; six grandchildren, Lauren Kappers, Matthew Kappers and Morgan Kappers of Edgewater, MD, Hunter Fritschie of Bradenton, FL, Elizabeth Tompkins of Mill City, OR, and Briana Snyder of Aumsville, OR; his sister, Rita Kappers Alesi and her husband, Charles, of Winchester, MA; two nieces, Kara Alesi of Portland, Maine, and Ineke and her husband, Pat Conway of Shangri, China, and a great-nephew, Thomas Conway and great-niece, Pearl Conway. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Cochran Funeral Home, 905 High St., Hackettstown, NJ 07840 on Wednesday, Sept. 13. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday at the First Presbyterian Church, Main Street, Hackettstown, NJ. Interment will be private. We cannot thank Karen Ann Quinlan Hospice enough for the wonderful, loving care that Neil received from them. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Hackettstown, Building Fund, 298 Main St., Hackettstown, NJ 07840 or the Karen Ann Quinlan Hospice, 99 Sparta Ave., Newton, NJ 07960. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.cochranfuneral.com](http://www.cochranfuneral.com). Cochran Funeral Home 905 High St. Hackettstown, NJ 07840 (908) 852-3361

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