Clarence A. Karcher

HARMONY — Clarence A. "Duke" Karcher of Harmony Township and formerly of Phillipsburg, died on Sunday, Dec. 25, 2005 at Warren Hospital. He was 82.

Born June 17, 1923 in Phillipsburg, he was a son of Clarence and Matilda Robertson Karcher.

He and his wife, the former Doris M. Riffle, observed their 56th wedding anniversary in January of 2005.

Karcher was a resident of Harmony Township for the past three years. Prior to that, he had spent his whole life as a resident of Phillipsburg. He was a bank teller, having worked for the former Second National Bank and the Phillipsburg National Bank, both of Phillipsburg, for 35 years, retiring in 1981.

An Army veteran of World War II, Karcher served as a T/5 in the European Theatre.

He graduated from Phillipsburg High School, Class of 1941 and Churchman's Business College in 1949.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing and his family.

He was a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Phillipsburg, where he served as an Elder, Sunday school teacher, and superintendent of the church Sunday School. For many years, he was active in the Gideon Bible Society.

Karcher was a member of the Bernadine-May American Legion Post 457 of Phillipsburg, and was a member of the Pattenburg Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

In addition to his wife, Doris, he is survived by three daughters, Ann E. Hoyt of Harmony Township, Kathleen S. Hoyt of Belvidere and Ruth K. Cockrane of Forks Township, Pa.; a brother, Walter of McAllen, Tex.; a sister, Florence E. Dominico of Palmer Township, Pa.; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Phillipsburg. Burial was in Fairmount Cemetery, Phillipsburg.

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