

## OBITUARY

### Howard H. Merboth

**HACKETTSTOWN** — Howard H. Merboth, 84, of Hackettstown, died Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2005 at his residence in Hackettstown.

Born Jan. 16, 1921 in Glen Rock, he was a son of the late Albert and Julia Kolesar Merboth.

He and his wife, the former Vivian Mathews, were married for 21 years.

Howard was a resident of Hackettstown since 1962, coming from Washington Township, Bergen County. He was an instrument specialist with Bendix, Teterboro, for 36 years. He also manufactured and tested instruments for the Apollo Space Program.

Howard was a member of the State Guard until 1946 and then the National Guard until 1950.

He was a member of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Hackettstown. He was also a member of Independence Lodge #42, F& AM, Hackettstown, where he received the Grand Masters White Apron. Howard was chairman of the Independence Lodge Blood Bank, was a member of the Fidelity Lodge F& AM, Ridgewood, a member of the Lions Club, and was an active community volunteer.

In addition to his wife, Vivian of Hackettstown, he is survived by a son, John of Ridgewood; two step-sons, Robert J. Stalter and his wife, Laurie of Hackettstown, and George M. Stalter of Hackettstown; three daughters, Karen Mazanek and her husband, Steven of Hackettstown, Keri Merboth and her husband, Elliot Rubin of Los Angeles, Calif., and Kim Merboth and her husband, Rich Trinter of Seattle, Wash.; two brothers, Albert of Hackettstown and Lawrence of Lanoka Harbor; a sister, Audrey McMorrow of Belvidere; and four grandchildren, Colin, Connor, Erik, and Alex. A brother, Warren, died earlier.

Services were held at the Cochran Funeral Home, Hackettstown.

Memorial donations may be made to the Karen Ann Quinlan Hospice, 99 Sparta Avenue, Newton, NJ 07860.

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