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Clarence Perrine, longtime firefighter

HACKETTSTOWN — Clarence "Pete" Perrine, a longtime fire department official and former town councilman, died Monday in Hackettstown Community Hospital. He was 84.

Mr. Perrine was a Hackettstown firefighter and a local and state fire official for nearly 60 years. He was chief of the Hackettstown Fire Department in 1953 and 1954 and a Hackettstown councilman from 1956 to 1958.

He was born in Beattystown, a section of Mansfield Township, and lived in the Hackettstown area most of his life.

Mr. Perrine was a boiler room manager for Centenary College, Hackettstown, before retiring 12 years ago.

He was a member of the Cataract Hose Fire Department No. 1, Hackettstown, since 1931, president of the department from 1948 to 1977, and president emeritus since 1978. He was a member of the Hackettstown Exempt Firemens Association and president of the association since 1949; a member of the Hackettstown Firemens Relief Association and secretary from 1950 to 1988; and a life-member of the New Jersey State Firemens Association, serving on its credential committee from 1956 to 1965.

He also was a life-member of the New Jersey State Exempt Firemens Association, serving on its credential committee from 1952 to 1974; president of the Warren County Fire Chiefs Association from 1954 to 1955 and a life-member of the association; and a member of the New Jersey State Fire Chiefs Association and the New Jersey State Volunteer Firemens Association.

His wife, Margaret, died in 1956, and his wife, Helen, in 1968.

He is survived by a son, J. Thomas of Hackettstown; four daughters, Charlotte Mueller of Belvidere, Dorothy Villano of Hackettstown, Marie Puco of Netcong, and Mildred Louch of California; two stepsons, George Gumm of Murraysville, Pa., and Thomas Gumm of Northampton, Pa.; 19 grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and six step-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Cochran Funeral Home, 905 High St., Hackettstown.

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NAME: Clarence "Pete" Perrine

DATE OF DEATH: August 28, 1989