

**Harold R. Pittenger,  
lived in Hackettstown**

Harold R. "Hick" Pittenger, 76, long-time resident of the Tranquility section of Green Township, N.J., died Wednesday, Feb. 9, in his home after a short illness.

He was a self-employed farmer in the Tranquility section of Green Township and retired from dairy production in 1985 but continued field work and hay production through last year.

Born April 19, 1923, in Stillwater, he was a son of the late Lewis and Irene Pittenger. He was a nine year resident of Hackettstown.

He was a tech sergeant in the Army during World War II, stationed in Japan, and served in the Army of Occupation until November of 1946.

He was a member of the Hackettstown Auction Market for 50 years, serving as a director for many years and clerking the hay, egg and poultry sales.

He was an avid bowler and golfer and enjoyed hunting, sports and poker.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, the former Jennie Firuta; a daughter, Lori of Tranquility; a son, Russell of Saratoga Springs, N.Y.; four sisters, Shirley Vitz of Green Township, Mary VanAuken of Hamilton, N.Y., Mildred Mickalaukas of Saylorsburg and Marge Lantz of Palm Harbor, Fla.; and six grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A son, Jeffrey, died in February of 1999.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Smith-McCracken Funeral Home, 63 High St., Newton. Call 7 to 9 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to time of services Saturday in the funeral home.

Burial will be in Tranquility Cemetery.

The family requests memorials to Green Township Rescue Squad, 25 Maple Lane, Andover, NJ 07821.

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