

John W. Read Jr.

John W. Read Jr., 82, died Tuesday, January 8, 2008 in the House of the Good Shepherd, Hackettstown, NJ.

Born: On June 28, 1925 in Beattystown, NJ, he was a son of the late John W. Sr. and Laura Struble Read.

Personal: His wife, the former Valerie Urevich, died on June 22, 2006.

A lifelong resident of Beattystown, Warren County, NJ, John was a self-employed carpenter and worked on the family farm in Beattystown. He had served in the Navy during World War II. John was a graduate of Hackettstown High School, Class of 1944, and also played football and basketball.

Memberships: John was a life member and past chief of the Tri County Fire Co., of which he was a member for 57 years.

Survivors: He is survived by a son, Charles of White Township, NJ; two daughters, Jacqueline Hammel of Great Meadows, NJ and Valerie Bodei of Santa Fe, NM; six grandchildren, Robby, Tommy, Jason, Justin, Kyle and Kari, and a great-grandchild, Sadie.

A brother, William S., died earlier.

Services: Visitation will be Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Cochran Funeral Home, 905 High Street, Hackettstown, NJ. Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home. Interment will be in Pequest Union Cemetery, Great Meadows, NJ. Online condolences may be sent to www.cochran-funeral.com.

Memorials: In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Tri County Fire Department; or to the House of the Good Shepherd.

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