

Herman A. Shotwell, 72, former Warren freeholder

Herman A. Shotwell, 72, of Shotwell Road, Blairstown, N.J., died Friday after collapsing at his hardware store on Bridge Street in Blairstown.

He was the owner and operator of the North Warren Farm and Home Supply store since 1977.

He was born June 12, 1916, in Blairstown, a son of the late David and Della Cole Shotwell and was a lifelong resident of Blairstown.

He was educated in the Blairstown public school system and for many years owned and operated the family farm in Blairstown.

He was elected in 1948 for four three-year terms to the Blairstown Township Committee and he served for four years as mayor.

In 1959 he was appointed to the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission and served until 1964. He served as chairman of the personnel and finance committee and in 1963 was named chairman of the commission.

In 1964, he was elected to the Warren County Board of Freeholders and served three consecutive three-year terms. He served as chairman for three years.

He was a member and former chairman of the Paulinskill Watershed Association.

He was a member and former chairman of the Warren County Mosquito Extermination Commission.

He was a former member of the New Jersey Farm Bureau, the New Jersey Agriculture Society, and the Dairy Herd Improvement Association.

He received the Soil Conservation Certificate of Merit from the Goodyear Rubber Co.

He was a founder in the early 1960s of the Mountain Acres Real Estate Development in Knowlton Township, N.J.

He established the Valley Gas Propane Company of Blairstown and was its owner and operator until 1977.

He was a member of the board of directors and former president of the First National Bank of Blairstown, now known as United National Bank.

He was a member and past master of the former Vail Grange, #211. He was also a member of the Moravian Grange.

He was a member and past master of the Blairstown Lodge #165, F&AM, Blairstown, and was a past patron of Blair Chapter #179, Order of Eastern Star. He was a member of the North Warren Lions Club. He was a member of the Warren County Heart Association.

He was also a member of the Tocks Island Regional Advisory Council.

He served as trustee and honorary trustee of Warren Hospital in Phillipsburg.

He served on the board of directors of Cedar Ridge Cemetery Association in Blairstown.

Survivors include his wife, the former Mary W. Wintermute, at home; a son, David of Blairstown; a daughter, Mary Ann Shotwell Ropek of Hardwick Township, N.J.; two sisters, Viola Brugler of Knowlton Township and Florence Gulick of Blairstown; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday from the Newbaker Funeral Home, Blairstown.

Interment will be at Cedar Ridge Cemetery, Blairstown.

Friends may pay respects from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Blairstown Ambulance Corps, P.O. Box 246, Blairstown, N.J. 07825.

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