

OBITUARY

Leroy "Chief" Smith

Leroy "Chief" Smith, 74, of Hackettstown, died May 24 at the Veterans' Administration Medical Center, in Lyons.

Smith was born in Hackettstown, where he lived all of his life.

He was a leather worker for the Middletown Leather Company in Hackettstown for 48 years, retiring in 1985.

He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran and served in the 556th Ambulance Co. in the European Theater, earning five battle stars, a Good Conduct medal, an American Service Medal, and a Victory Medal.

He was an honorary life member in the American Legion, and was recently awarded his 50th year continuous membership in the American Legion, Post 164, in Hackettstown, serving in all offices, and was a Post Warren County Commander. He was a member of the 40/8 Voiture 650 Warren County and was an honorary member of the Cataract Hose Fire Co., in Hackettstown.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Marion, at home; two sons, Terry Smith of Hackettstown, and Kevin Smith, also of Hackettstown; two daughters, Patricia Lemoine of Metairie, La., and Colleen Hughes of Murrieta, Calif., and eight grandchildren.

Burial was in the Port Murray Cemetery and arrangements were made by the Cochran Funeral Home.

Leroy Smith, leather worker

HACKETTSTOWN — Leroy "Chief" Smith, 74, of Hackettstown, died Wednesday, May 24, in the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Lyons.

He was a leather worker for Middletown Leather Co. in Hackettstown for 48 years before retiring in 1985.

Born April 3, 1921, in Hackettstown, he was a son of the late Herman and Alva Burdge Smith. He was a lifelong resident of Hackettstown.

He served in the Army during World War II with the 566th Ambulance Company in the European theater, earning five battle stars, and Good Conduct, American Service and Victory medals.

He was an honorary life member and was recently awarded his 50th year continuous membership in American Legion Post 164 in Hackettstown. He served in all offices and was a Warren County post commander. He was a member of the 40 and 8 Voiture 650 of Warren County and an honorary member of the Cataract Hose Fire Co. in Hackettstown.

He and his wife, the former Marion Flumerfelt, observed their 53rd wedding anniversary last October.

Surviving in addition to his wife are two sons, Terry and Kevin, both of Hackettstown; two daughters, Patricia Lemoine of Metairie, La., and Colleen Hughes of Murrieta, Calif.; and eight grandchildren.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday in Cochran Funeral Home, 905 High St., Hackettstown. Call 2 to 4 this afternoon and 7 to 9 tonight in the funeral home, with Legion services at 7:30.

Burial will be in Port Murray Cemetery in Port Murray.