

OBITUARY

Bernard A. VanCampen, of pioneer Gap family

EAST STROUDSBURG — Bernard A. VanCampen, 73, died Wednesday, April 21, in Pocono Medical Center.

He was a descendant of the pioneer VanCampen family that emigrated from Holland in 1652 and settled in the upper Delaware Valley on both sides of the Delaware River. Much of the family had original land grants from King George III of England and now the land is included in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area.

He worked for the Harris Corp. of Melbourne, Fla., in the Communication Division and was based at the Tobyhanna Army Depot in Tobyhanna as a consultant communication engineer for the past 12 years with top secret clearance until he retired in 1989.

Prior to that, he worked for 37 years for Ronson Corp. in Delaware Water Gap as superintendent of manufacturing, assembly, shipping and receiving in both East Stroudsburg and Delaware Water Gap locations, retiring in 1976.

Born in Bushkill, he was a son of the late G. Wells and Louise Brodhead VanCampen.

He served in the Navy during World War II.

He was secretary for Elk's Lodge 319 in East Stroudsburg and was also a member and past extent ruler, a member of Moose Lodge 1336 in Stroud Township, a member of the East Stroudsburg and Bushkill Legion posts, a 32

degree Mason and member of the J. African Simpson Lodge in East Stroudsburg, chairman of the Calno Cemetery Association in Pahaquarry, N.J., and was a former member of the Acme Hose Fire Company in East Stroudsburg.

He was a member of the Wallpack Historical Society in Wallpack, N.J.

He graduated from Columbia High School in South Orange, N.J. and attended Northampton Community College, and the Penn State Extension Program. He was a graduate of the Dale Carnegie Program.

He was a member of East Stroudsburg United Methodist Church.

He is survived by a son, Stephen B. of Hackettstown; two daughters, Jeanne L. Tomkay of Stroudsburg and Elsie Spencer of Cape Coral, Fla.; a brother, Allen of Silver Springs, Fla.; a sister, Mildred Ford of Fort Meyers, Fla.; eight grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be 11 a.m. Saturday in the Lanterman & Allen Funeral Home, 27 Washington St., East Stroudsburg. Call Friday between 7 and 8:30 p.m. in the funeral home. An Elks service will be at 8 p.m. Friday and a Masonic Service at 8:30 p.m. Burial will be in Prospect Cemetery.

The family requests memorials to the Eastern Monroe Public Library, 913 Main St., Stroudsburg, PA.

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