

Donald R. Winship

Donald R. Winship, 78, a resident of Heath Village, Hackettstown, N.J., died there Thursday, September 2, 2004.

Born: January 10, 1926 in Newark, N.J., he was a son of the late Horace D. and Enola Mertz Winship.

Personal: Donald lived in the Diamond Hill section of Mansfield Township, N.J. for the last 19 years, having moved there from West Caldwell, N.J.

He was a licensed funeral director for over 50 years. He had been employed by the former W. Knapp and Son Funeral Home in East Orange, N.J., and most recently by many funeral homes in northwestern New Jersey as a freelance director and embalmer.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1944 to 1945 in Burma, India, and China as a member of the 102nd Quartermaster Graves Registration Platoon.

He and his wife, Gladys "Beth" Stewart Winship, were married for over 57 years.

He was instrumental in the restoration of the old Presbyterian Burial Grounds in Hackettstown as well as being active on the "Billy Yank" Civil War Memorial Committee, which erected a Civil War statue at the "Five Corners" section of Hackettstown.

Mr. Winship was also an author and illustrator, having written and published two books. The first was titled "Embalming Notes", which is still used as a teaching aid and reference book within the mortuary colleges throughout the United States. His second book, entitled "The Marble", is a reflection of a soldier's wartime experiences in Burma and China during World War II.

Memberships: He was a member of Hackettstown First Presbyterian Church.

He was a Free and Accepted Master Mason.

Survivors: In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, David S., of Georgetown, Texas; a daughter, Donna W. Nolan, of Portsmouth, R.I.; a brother, Bart, of Basking Ridge, N.J., and five grandchildren.

Services: 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Cochran Funeral Home, 905 High Street, Hackettstown, N.J. Call from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday in the funeral home. Burial with full military honors will be in Union Cemetery, Hackettstown.

Memorials: In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the church Building Fund, 298 Main St., Hackettstown, NJ 07840.

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