



Remembering our brothers who have passed from this life

ADAMS, WILLIAM A. JR. '31

William A. Adams Jr., 87, died unexpectedly on 23 June 1999 at Lancaster General Hospital. He had been under a doctor's care since February. He had been a resident of Clare Bridge in East Petersburg, PA.

He was a graduate of Lancaster Boys High School and Augusta Military Academy in Ft. Defiance, VA. Between 1929 and 1931, he played football for the West End Gray Ghosts, Lancaster's semi-professional football team.

A veteran of World War II, he worked as a surgical technician for the U.S. Army in Edgewood Arsenal, MD.

He was also a 1936 graduate of the Eckel's School of Mortuary Science in Philadelphia, and from 1942-55, he was a licensed funeral director for several Lancaster city funeral homes.

He was a member of the National Association of Letter Carriers and served as a letter carrier for the Lancaster post office from 1955 until he retired in 1981.

Born in Lancaster, he was a son of the late William A. and Daisy Mehaffey Adams. He was the husband of Sara Reese Adams, who died in December 1998. Surviving are a daughter, Sallie A. Flinchbaugh of Leola; a son, William A. III, married to Pamela A. Adams, of Millersville; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two brothers, Daniel, married to Ruth Adams of Newark, Ohio, and Joseph of Lancaster; and a sister, Nancy Adams, of Willow Street.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, John, Robert and Richard, and six sisters, Ethel Adams, Margaret Fellman, Dorothy Shenk, Elizabeth Hoff, Ruth Marrow and Nellie Tragesser.

At Augusta one year: Varsity football and wrestling. Quartermaster Company.

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