



John R. Van Meter, Sr.

August 12, 1927 - February 11, 2011

John R. Van Meter Sr., 83, of Warren, died on February 11, 2011 at home, surrounded by his loving family. He was born in West Columbia, W. Va. on August 12, 1927, the son of Frank and Elizabeth (Frye) Van Meter.

Mr. Van Meter retired from Republic and LTV Steel after 33 years of employment. Prior to that, he had worked as a coal miner. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, motorcycle riding, small engine repair, and yard work, especially tending to his roses and his lawn. He was a member of the American Legion.

Surviving are his wife, Josephine (Russell) Van Meter, whom he married March 3, 1955; two daughters: Bobbie Jo (James) Lloyd of Cherry Tree, Pa., and Hope T. Van Meter and her fiancé Mickey Softa of Keisterville, Pa.; a daughter-in-law, Joyce (Rob) Halstead of Warren; a son, Rodney A. (Charlotte) Van Meter, Sr. of Point Pleasant, W. Va.; two grandsons: John (Jennifer) Van Meter III and Jacob Kuritz; three granddaughters: Jamie Van Meter, Stephanie (Adam) Hall, and Miranda Thompson; five great-granddaughters: Jolene, Jessica, and Johnna Van Meter, and Autumn and Angelina Roberts; and a brother, John L. Van Meter of Sharpsville, Pa. Preceding him in death are his parents; a son, John R. Van Meter Jr.; a grandson, Rodney A. Van Meter Jr.; two sisters: Hilda Stewart and Jean Van Meter; and a brother, Bill Van Meter.

Funeral services are 11:00 a.m. Monday, February 14, 2011 at McFarland & Son Funeral Home, with Rev. Jay Eastman of Hospice of the Valley officiating. Interment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Friends may call 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Arrangements are entrusted to McFarland & Son Funeral Services Company 271 North Park Avenue, Warren, OH 44481. Please visit www.mcfarlandfuneral.com to view this obituary and send condolences.

Tribute Wall

PC

“ *Many happy times with you two. Will miss him when visiting at homeplace. Love and prayers to all8ANuW*

Pat Carson - March 29, 2013 at 12:47 PM

RJ

“ *You will be missed by many and never forgotten. RIP Uncle Goose Love you and miss you!*

Robert Russell Jr. - March 29, 2013 at 12:47 PM

MR

“ *Uncle Goose you will be missed more than you will ever know. You were the one of a kind. RIP and we will meet again oneday!!! Love you forever and truly missed by many!!*

Missy Rector - March 29, 2013 at 12:47 PM

JF

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Jennie Foertch - March 29, 2013 at 12:47 PM

CL

“ *Uncle Goose,
You are truly one of a kind. Thank you for so many wonderful memories. Like those visiting your sister, Hilda, and eating those awesome biscuits she made. And I'll miss your soupy potatoes. You touched so many lives and will be missed by all. Rest in peace.
Love you, Cheryl (Sis)*

Cheryl Roush Long - March 29, 2013 at 12:47 PM

CL

“ Aunt Josephine,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and everyone. While I can only imagine how difficult this is for you, I also know you are one strong lady. I pray your memories will comfort you in the days ahead and time will heal your broken heart.
I love you!
Cheryl (Sis)

Cheryl Roush Long - March 29, 2013 at 12:47 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. May the words in Psalms 145:14 give you hope and comfort.

February 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM