

Robert R. Baker, (19 Apr 1924 – Oct 2007), Patriot-News, The (Harrisburg, PA) - Thursday, October 4, 2007

Robert R. Baker, 83, of Marysville, died at Select Specialty Hospital in Holy Spirit Hospital, Camp Hill, PA. His death was the result of a serious fall in August.

Robert (Bob) is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years, **Jean Benfer Baker**.

He was born April 19, 1924. His parents were **Merville Stanton Baker** and **Roby Dunlap Baker**. He was preceded in death by four sisters and one brother.

He is survived by two daughters, **Beth B. Canulli** and her husband, **Louis J.** of Montpelier, VA, and **Christine B. Olenski** and her husband, **Byron**, Newport, PA; one grandson, **Joshua A. Canulli** and his wife, **Kelly** of Richmond, VA; and one great grandson, **Brody Louis**; a sister, **Janet B. Reem** of Steelton; one brother-in-law, **David M. Benfer** and his wife, **Mary Edra** of Harrisburg. He also has numerous nieces and nephews, and one very special nephew, **John Hair** of Harrisburg.

Bob was a graduate of Marysville High School, Class of 1942. He was drafted into the Army and was seriously injured in the Rineland Offensive while a tank commander in the 36 Armored Division, 8th Army. After long stays in hospitals, he recovered from serious wounds. Bob retired from SPCC Naval Supply Depot, Mechanicsburg after 35 years of service. He traveled widely in the Polaris Sub Program. After retirement he worked for Booze, Allen, Hamilton in Washington, DC as a consultant.

Bob was very active in church works at Bethany United Methodist Church, serving on numerous committees, a teacher, speaker and superintendent. He was formerly a member of the Perry County Public Assistance Board, and was a volunteer ambulance driver on Marysville's first ambulance. He was a 50 year member of both Perry Lodge #458, F & AM, Marysville, and the Harrisburg Consistory; a former member of the Zembo Oriental Band; member of Wesley United Methodist Church, Marysville, VFW Post #882, Marysville; Marysville Sportsmans Club; Golden Age Club of Marysville; Marysville Senior Citizens Association; Senior Life of MCG; NARFE; and AARP.

Private family services will be held in the Michael J. Shalonis Funeral Home, Marysville, with Pastor Paul W. Kauffman officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Wesley United Methodist Church, 450 Sylvan Street, Marysville, PA 17053; or the Bethany United Methodist Church, 400 Lansvale Street, Marysville, PA 17053.

Friends may call at the funeral home after 11: 30 a.m. Saturday.

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