

R. Clair Benner, (14 Feb 1920 – 28 Apr 2011), Perry County Times, Monday, May 9, 2011

R. Clair Benner, 91, of Mifflintown, formerly of Liverpool, died Thursday, April 28, 2011 at Brookline Manor, Mifflintown.

He was born Feb. 14, 1920 in Juniata County to **Harry** and **Emma (Adams) Benner**.

His employment history began with the Pennsylvania railroad and he later was engaged in dairy farming until retiring. He then was associated with Green Acres Realty, Newport, Soil Conservation District, Pennsylvania National Holstein Association and Pennsylvania Farm Bureau.

He was educated at Liberty School, Fayette Twp. He served in the Army during World War II, attaining the rank of technician fourth grade.

He was a life member of the Susquehanna Sportsmen's Club, charter member of Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Liverpool, and a member of American Legion Post 364, Liverpool, Liverpool Lions Club and Golden Age Club; served on the Greenwood School Board; volunteered with Meals on Wheels and at Brookline Manor; and enjoyed hunting, gardening and photography.

Surviving are his wife, **Helen T. Shuler Benner**, whom he married in 1976; four children, **Glenn F.** and **Kenneth R.**, both of Millerstown, **Susan B. Harris** of Hummelstown and **Thomas C.** of Millerstown; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; three stepchildren; four step grandchildren; six step great-grandchildren; three brothers, **Lawrence** of McAlisterville, **Herman** of Evendale and Park of Springfield, Mo.; and a brother-in-law, **Richard Troutman** of Millerstown.

He was preceded in death by a son, **Rodney L.**; a brother, **Boyd**; and a sister, **Irene Troutman**.

A memorial service, with military honors by Liverpool American Legion Post 364, was held May 1 in his church with the Rev. Joseph D. Faust officiating. Burial was in St. Michael's Cemetery, Millerstown.

George P. Garman Funeral Home, Liverpool, handled arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Michael's Cemetery Association, c/o Gerald Holman, 151 Bucher Hollow Road, Millerstown 17062.

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