

James Allen Elder, (31 Oct 1923 – 16 Sep 2011), The Perry County Times, Saturday, October 1, 2011

James Allen “Jim” Elder, 87, of Mifflintown died Friday, Sept. 16, 2011 at home.

He was born Oct. 31, 1923 at Osceola Mills to **Milton** and **Alice (Shirk) Elder**. He was raised on Viscose Hill, Lewistown, along with nine brothers and one sister.

He worked at American Viscose Corporation, Pennsylvania Railroad, Blue Valley Industries, Inc. and in retirement was co-owner of Elder’s Consignment Shop; was a 1942 graduate of Lewistown High School; and a Navy veteran, serving during World War II; had been a member of Arch Rock Methodist Church and Sunday school teacher for the youth group, and was a member of Intercontinental Church of God; and enjoyed metal detecting at state parks and beaches along the Jersey, Maryland and Florida shores.

Surviving are his wife, **Hilda Jean Fultz Elder**, whom he married May 21, 1948; four children, **Janet Elder Houtz** of Newport, **Elizabeth Eberhart** of Mechanicsburg, **David A. Elder** of Thompsettown and **Timothy J. Elder** of Mifflintown; 11 grandchildren, **Julie Houtz**, **Ted Houtz**, **Tom Houtz**, **Bonita Houtz** Templeton, **Douglas Elder**, **Mike Elder**, **Laurie Geist**, **Grant Geist**, **Ryan Elder**, **Jason Elder** and **Melissa Elder**; and 10 great-grandchildren, **Noah**, **Hannah**, **Jonah** and **Elijah Houtz**, **Carson Houtz**, **Ellie** and **Kate Templeton**, **Kalob Ranck Elder**, **Elizabeth Betton** and **Dakota Elder**.

He was preceded in death by nine brothers, **George**, **Jake**, **Harry**, **Bob**, **Dick**, **Irvin**, **Jack**, **Lee** and **Alfred**; and a sister, **Jane**.

Services were held Sept. 20 in Guss Funeral Home, Mifflintown, with John Massie officiating.

Burial, with military honors by Juniata County Veterans Council, was in Union Cemetery, Mifflintown.

Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

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