

**Gordon Rider Hoke**, (Died 16 Oct 2007) Patriot-News, Thursday, October 18, 2007

**Gordon Rider Hoke**, 86, of Newport, PA, passed away on Tuesday, October 16, 2007 at Harrisburg Hospital.

A direct descendent of **Paul Rider, Sr.**, founder of Newport, Gordon donated early documents including the original land grant for Newport to the Newport Public Library.

He was a six year Air Force veteran of World War II, having served from 1939 to 1945. He was also a member of the Highlands United Presbyterian Church, where he had served as a Deacon and Elder. He was a former Board member of the Newport Senior Citizens Center, where he served as President and Treasurer for five years. He was a past Board member of the Louise Beard Memorial Association and a member of the Newport American Legion. Gordon will also be long remembered for the innovative and beautiful Christmas displays that graced his front porch for many years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, **Ruth M. Hoke**.

Gordon is survived by brother, **Wilmer B. Hoke, Jr.** and his wife, **June** of Selinsgrove; children, **Susan Campbell** and her husband, **Frank, Stephen M. Hoke** and his wife, **Marion** and **Randolph D. Hoke** and his wife, **Donna**, all of Newport; 5 grandchildren, **Matthew Campbell** of Millerstown, **Laura** and **Sarah Campbell**, both of Newport, **Richard Hoke** of Thompsontown and **Mark Hoke** of Mechanicsburg; 2 great grandchildren, **Katelyn** and **Jenna Hoke**.

There will be a private memorial service for immediate family members.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Newport Ambulance League and/or Newport Fire Company.