

Wilmer B. Hoke Jr., 96, Selinsgrove, Daily Item, The (Sunbury, PA) - Tuesday, May 22, 2012

— SELINSGROVE — **Wilmer B. Hoke Jr.**, 96, formerly of Selinsgrove, passed away at 8:10 p.m. Friday, May 18, 2012, at the Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village, Lewisburg, where he had been a resident for two years.

He was born March 9, 1916, in Newport, a son of the late **Wilmer B. and Clara (Rider) Hoke**. On Nov. 28, 1943, in First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Selinsgrove, Wilmer married the former **June Hendricks**, who preceded him in death on July 26, 2010. It was the beginning of a loving and committed 67-year marriage.

Wilmer graduated from Newport High School and entered the service in 1941, proudly serving around the world in the Army. He was discharged with the rank of staff sergeant in 1945.

He was a member St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Middlecreek Dam, Selinsgrove, and a member of American Legion Post 25 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6631, both of Selinsgrove.

Wilmer and June built and operated the Breezeway Motel from 1952 to 1957, and for many years, he worked for Selinsgrove Construction Co. as a surveyor and draftsman. He retired from Hepco Inc., Selinsgrove, as a draftsman.

Wilmer and his wife enjoyed taking car trips out west and visiting national parks and their annual vacation in Gaitlinburg, Tenn., and Niagara Falls, Canada. They especially enjoyed the Chataqua Institute at Chataqua Lake, N.Y. They would often take their nieces along with them on their trips.

He is survived by four nieces, **Susan Hoke Campbell**, of Newport, **Natalie W. Bassett**, of South Williamsport, **Cathie Langton**, of Lewisburg, and **Connie Wells**, of Williamsport; two nephews, **Randy** and **Steve Hoke**, both of Newport; one sister-in-law, **Thelma Wells**, of Lewisburg; and great-nieces and nephews.

In addition to his beloved wife, he was preceded in death by their **infant son**, who died at birth, and one brother, **Gorden R. Hoke**, of Newport.

At Wilmer's request, there will be no viewing.

Graveside services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Union Cemetery, Selinsgrove, by his pastor, the Rev. Hugo W. Schroeder, with military honors by American Legion Victory Post 25 and VFW Post 6631.

Arrangements are by the V.L. Seebold Funeral Home, 601 N. High St., Selinsgrove.