

**Ernest Newton Kratzer**, (20 Apr 1919 – 1 Jan 2012), Perry County Times, 14 January 2012

**Ernest Newton “Ernie” Kratzer**, 92, of Richfield, and formerly of Millerstown, died Sunday, Jan. 1, 2012 at Richfield Senior Living and Rehabilitation Center.

He was born April 20, 1919 in Juniata County to **Charles M. and Edna (Lauver) Kratzer**.

He retired in 1980 as a self-employed truck driver with Coast Refrigeration Trucking Company, Hollyridge, N.C., and prior to that he was self-employed from 1945 to 1977 delivering eggs to markets and for 14 years worked as a messenger for the former Dauphin Deposit Bank, now M&T Bank; a 1937 graduate of Freeburg High School; an Army veteran of World War II; and a member of Richfield Mennonite Church and Richfield Ambulance League.

He was the widower of **Mabel E. Harman Kratzer**, who died in 1998.

Surviving are five daughters, **Audrey Renninger** of Richfield, **Nancy Schlegel** of Millerstown, **Sandra Hood** of Mechanicsburg, and **Linda Fleisher** and **Susan Farner**, both of Millerstown; 18 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and a brother, **Elwood “Skip”** of Richfield.

He was preceded in death by two sons, **James “Leroy”** and **John W.**; a grandson, **Ricky A. Renninger**, who died in 1980; and four brothers, **Earl R.**, **Norman W.**, **Harold K.** and **Clarence R.**

Services were held Jan. 6 in his church with pastor Aaron Benner officiating and pastor Jerry R. O’Connell assisting. Burial was in Richfield Union Cemetery.

George P. Garman Funeral Home, Mt. Pleasant Mills, handled arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to his church’s mission fund, 167 Church St., Richfield 17086.

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