

Kenneth Earl Orris, (15 Sep 1925 – 2 Jun 2011), The Daily Item, Friday, June 3, 2011



MIDDLEBURG — **Kenneth Earl Orris**, 85, formerly a long time resident of Center Street, Middleburg, passed away at 9 p.m. Thursday, June 2, 2011, at Nottingham Village, Northumberland.

He was born Sept. 15, 1925, at home near Ickesburg, Perry County, a son of the late **Mae (Sheaffer)** and **Earl W. Orris**. On Sept. 1, 1946, he married **Melba C. Wallett** who preceded him in death on May 13, 2011.

He was a graduate of Thomson Business School in Harrisburg, Susquehanna University with a bachelor of science in music education and Penn State University with a master of arts in music education.

He served in World War II as a Radioman Second Class in the Navy and was honorably discharged in April of 1946.

Ken taught music in the Mid-West School District for 34 years. He took the MHS Band on many trips to Washington D.C. and Annapolis, Md. when he taught senior high school. He enjoyed giving private lessons to some of his students and his granddaughters. He also played for over 40 years in the Sunbury City Band and the Selinsgrove Adult Band helping to raise money for the American Cancer Society. He will also be remembered for directing the Community Christmas Choir and the Bi-Centennial Chorus.

He was an active member of the Middleburg Retired Persons and served as president of the Snyder County School Retirees from 1993-1995. He was also a member of the Middleburg Borough Council.

He was very active in his church where he directed the choir for over 40 years, was treasurer of the church and served several times on the church Consistory.

Ken enjoyed hunting and fishing with his sons, but most of all he enjoyed playing golf. For many years, he played at Shade Mountain Golf Course with his sons and more recently with his granddaughter, **Darby**. He looked forward to playing with the seniors every Wednesday and often in tournaments.

His granddaughters were the "love of his life", next to his wife of 64 years. He was very proud of Amy, Sarah and Darby and all their accomplishments.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, **Dale** and **Jo Orris**, of Winfield, **David** and **Deborah Orris**, of Selinsgrove and **Daryl** and **Wendy Orris**, of Mifflinburg; three granddaughters, twins **Amy** and **Sarah Orris**, and **Darby Orris**; three brothers and their wives, **Lester** and **Peggy Orris**, of Staatsburg, N.Y., **Donald** and **Geraldine Orris**, of Carlisle, **Paul** and **Arietta Orris**, of Carlisle; and their families, **Linda (Orris)** and **Russell Dowhower**, of

Staatsburg, **Jeffrey** and **Lisa Orris** and their sons, **Benjamin, Zachary** and **Jonathan**, of Carlisle, **Julie (Orris)** and **David Bier** and their children, **Janelle** and **Mason**, also of Carlisle.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by a daughter, **Carolyn Mae Orris** in 1952.

Relatives and friends will be received from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 11 at the First United Church of Christ, 8671 Route 522, Middleburg, where the funeral will follow at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Julia A. Beall officiating.

Burial will be Glendale Cemetery, Middleburg

Arrangements are by the Hummel Funeral Home, Middleburg.

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