

John W. Pifer, (7 Jan 1918 – 5 Nov 2012), Perry County Times, Saturday, November 17, 2012

John W. Pifer, 94, of Mechanicsburg and formerly of Carlisle, died Monday, Nov. 5, 2012 in Claremont Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Carlisle.

He was born Jan. 7, 1918 in La Crescent, Minn., to **Luther Elmer** and **Naomi (Barrett) Pifer**. He was raised by his foster mother, **Kathryn Hewitt** of Cove.

He was retired, after 44 years of service, from the former C.H. Masland, Carlisle, where he was a mechanical engineer; a member of Carlisle Fish and Game, Eagles Aerie 1299, Carlisle, White Circle Club, Carlisle Moose Lodge 761 and a founding member of International Union of Operating Engineer, Local 835; and enjoyed the outdoors, especially hunting, and square dancing.

He was the widower of **Eleanor E. (Kelly) Pifer**, who died Dec. 31, 1986.

Surviving are his wife of 24 years, **V. Jane (Betz) Pifer**; three daughters, **Barbara Dewalt** of Carlisle, **Sandy J. Pifer** of Missouri and **Cheryl Beam** of North Carolina; a stepdaughter, **Cathie Stouffer** of Mechanicsburg; a stepson, **Jacque Betz** of Hershey; 11 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; nine step grandchildren; 19 step great-grandchildren; and nine step great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, **James L.**, and three sisters, **Ruth B. Wiseman**, **Pearl Ceyzyk** and **Mae C. Brison**.

Services were held Nov. 10 in Ronan Funeral Home, Carlisle with the Rev. Donald L. Harbaugh officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Memorial Gardens, Harrisburg.

Memorial contributions may be made to Boys Town, 200 Flanagan Blvd., P.O. Box 8000, Boys Town, Neb. 68010.

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