

**Ralph G. Poust**, (2 Jan 1938 – 29 Jun 2012), Perry County Times, July 26, 2012

**Ralph G. Poust**, 74, of Juniata Parkway East, Newport, died Friday, June 29, 2012 at his summer home in Florida.

He was born Jan. 2, 1938 at Millville, Pa., to the late **Freda D. and George (Milt) Poust**.

He retired in September 1993 after serving as an adviser and surveyor for 38 years in the military and government, assigned to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and National Geodetic Survey.

He served with the Army during the Vietnam War, in Berlin, Germany during the Berlin Crisis and the communist construction of the Berlin Wall in September 1961.

He received numerous awards and national recognition for conducting and supervising government surveys throughout the world while with the military and government. A few were the 1960 Nevada underground atomic bomb tests, 1964 Alaskan Good Friday, earthquake, California San Andrea earthquake fault line, Pacific Ocean at Pago Pago, America Samoa, in preparation for the 1969 moon landings, positioning warheads on Minuteman, Titan and Atlas missiles in the Midwest U.S. during the cold war years in the 1960s, mapping the entire island of Puerto Rico and re-establishment and monumentation of the Mason Dixon line, for which he received recognition from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and the governor of Maryland. He was recognized as “news maker of the day” in the USA Today newspaper.

He was a member of Bucks Valley Church; past chairman of the Howe Twp. Planning Commission; past commander, adjutant and finance officer and served several years on the executive committee of Newport American Legion Post 177; past deputy commander District 18 Pennsylvania Department of American Legion, 1997-2005; past commander Newport Squadron 177 Sons of the American Legion, 1997-1998; commander, senior vice commander and adjutant of District 18 Department of Pennsylvania Sons of the American Legion, 1999-2004; and voted American Legion Department of Pennsylvania Adjutant of the Year, 2004 and 2006.

He was a life member of Newport Veterans of Foreign War Post 34, Newport American Legion Post 177, Newport Order of Owls, life member and past president and vice president of the Pennsylvania State Hunters Organization, and a member of Hunters Valley Sportsmen’s Association, Millerstown Moose, United States Coast and Geodetic Survey Society, and member and officer with the American Congress of Surveying and Mapping.

Surviving are his wife of 54 years, **Carrie M. Poust**;, two sons, **Ralph G. Jr.** of Millerstown RR 1 and **Richard B.** of Market Street, Millerstown; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, July 28, at Bucks Valley Church.

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