

Robert L. Rathfon, (23 Mar 1934 – 11 May 2009), Perry County Times, Thursday, May 21, 2009

Robert L. Rathfon, 75, of McNaughton Drive, Duncannon, died Monday, May 11, 2009 at Holy Spirit Hospital, Camp Hill.

He was born March 23 1934, in Harrisburg to **Arthur LeFevre Rathfon** and **Mary Elizabeth (Showers) Rathfon**.

He was retired from PennDOT, Harrisburg, as a draftsman designer, and a former employee of American Can Company, Lemoyne; a 1954 graduate of Duncannon High School; a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints, New Bloomfield, and The Perry Historians; coached midget football for the Northern Midget Youth Football Association, Dillsburg; belonged to the Issinryu Karate Club, having reached his 3rd degree black belt; and enjoyed researching genealogy and composing music and poetry.

Surviving are his wife of 54 years, **Esther**; three daughters, **Lori A. Gasswint** of Manchester, **Linda C. Kelley** of Lemoyne and **Karen L. Tennis** of Dillsburg; two sons, **Robert E. Rathfon** of Middlebury Center, Pa., and **Preston L.** of Duncannon; nine grandchildren; two step grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; three step great-grandchildren; and a sister, **Mary Delores Howe** of Warrenton, Mo.

He was preceded in death by a sister, **Beverlie Walters**, and a brother, **Arthur L. Jr.**

A graveside service was held May 15 in Union Cemetery, Duncannon.

Ronald C.L. Smith Funeral Home, Duncannon, handled arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Perry Historians, P.O. Box 73, Newport 17074.

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