Harold Paul Simpkins, (20 Jul 1923 – 17 Dec 2009), Perry County Times, December 24, 2009

Harold Paul Simpkins, 86, of Blain and formerly of Mt. Holly (Eastampton Township), N.J., died Thursday, Dec. 17, 2009 in The Manor at Perry Village, New Bloomfield.

He was born July 20, 1923 in Hopewell Township, N.J., to **Lewis B. Simpkins Sr.** and **Elizabeth C. VanDusen**.

He was retired as an auto body and mechanic machinist at Fort Dix, N.J., with 30 years of service; an Army veteran of World War II, serving as a military police officer; and a member of Eastampton Fire Company, serving as fire chief for several years, and Burlington County Citizen Band Club.

Surviving are his wife of 65 years, **Martha Jane Simpkins**; a daughter, **Barbara Anne** "Bobbie' **Stevenson** of Blain, formerly of Mt. Holly, N.J.; a grandson, **Kevin Stevenson** of Blain; and six sisters, **Doris Halcomb** and **Mary Moore**, both of Lumberton, N.J., **Anne Johnson** of Browns Mills, N.J., **Elizabeth Baker** of Tavernier, Fla., **Judy Bux** of Wyalusing and **Ruth Simpkins** of Hancocks Bridge, N.J.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, **James E. Sr.** and **Lewis B. Jr.,** and a sister, **Catherine Clapper**.

A celebration of his life was held Dec. 22 in Blain United Methodist Church with the Rev. Robert Rice Jr. officiating. Another celebration of his life will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 27, in the United Methodist Church in Juliustown, N.J., with the Rev. Robert Ringenwald officiating. A private burial, with military honors by New Bloomfield VFW Post 7463, will be held in Blain Cemetery.

Nickel Funeral Home, Loysville, is handling arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Blain Senior Citizens Center, P.O. Box 133, Blain 17006.

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