

**Donald J. Whitmer**, (27 May 1934 – 18 Jun 2009), Perry County Times, Thursday, June 25, 2009

**Donald J. Whitmer**, 75, of Newport died Thursday, June 18, 2009 at home.

He was born May 27, 1934 in Hummelstown to the late **Ross Ricker** and **Mary Emma (Fisher) Whitmer**.

He had been employed with Interstate Tile and Mantle Company in Harrisburg, Engle Brothers, Mechanicsburg, and assisted with his son's business, Whitmer Tile of Newport; was a 1952 graduate of Hershey High School; attended Bucks United Methodist Church, Newport; a former member of Tile Setters Local Union; and enjoyed farming, gardening, hunting and going to camp with family and friends in Potter County.

Surviving are his wife of 53 years, **Jean Slusser Whitmer**; three children, **Patricia Whitmer** of Rising Sun, Md., **Deb Jones** of Mechanicsburg and **Donald** of Newport; six grandchildren, **Andee Warner**, **Alexander Pyles**, **Ian Pyles**, **Bryan Portzline**, **Scott A. Whitmer** and **Amy Barrick**; three great-grandchildren, **Kailee Warner**, **Taylor Portzline** and **Jayden Barrick**; a brother, **Kenneth** of Mt. Pleasant Mills; a sister, **Dorothy Good** of New Bloomfield; and two sisters-in-law, **Millie Whitmer** of Mt. Pleasant Mills and **Jeanette Whitmer** of Newport.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, **William** and **Wesley**, and a brother-in-law, **Gerald Good**.

Services were held June 21 in Bucks United Methodist Church with the Rev. Bruce Woolever officiating.

Burial was in the church cemetery.

George P. Garman Funeral Home, Liverpool, handled arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, 3211 N. Front St., Suite 100, Harrisburg 17110.