



D. Pierce Ashelman

November 18, 1918 - June 2, 2016

D. Pierce Ashelman, 97, Bowmans Mill Road, Orangeville (Greenwood Township), died late Thursday evening, June 2nd, 2016 at Signature Health Care of Bloomsburg where he had been a resident for the past two days.

Born November 18, 1918 in Stillwater, he was a son of the late J. Rolston and Trelle (Ash) Ashelman. He was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Annabelle (Edwards) Ashelman, on April 1, 2005.

Mr. Ashelman was a 1937 graduate of Benton High School and was a well known and dedicated area dairy farmer for many years.

He was a highly decorated World War II Veteran serving in the U. S. Army. He was a sergeant in Company C, the 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion. He had been awarded the Good Conduct Medal, the Bronze Star, the Distinguished Unit Badge, the European African Middle Eastern Service Medal with five bronze stars, the World War II Victory Medal, the Army Occupation Medal with German Clasp and the Honorable Service Lapel Button, World War II. His unit was a recipient of the Presidential Citation Award.

Mr. Ashelman was a member of the Dairy Association and was a committeeman for the ASCS of which he had received a 20 year pin for his service.

He was an avid deer hunter and he especially enjoyed visiting the Painter Den Hunting Club. He was also a member of the Land O Lakes Association and in 2002 was a recipient of a 50 year milk producer award from them. He enjoyed his John Deere tractors and worked on the farm until he was 95 years old.

Surviving are his two children: a son, Harry E. Ashelman, and his wife, Trudy, of Orangeville; Peggy J. Morris and her husband, Douglas, of Millville; three grandchildren: Joel and Nathan Morris and Erin Leach; seven great grandchildren: Zachery, Joshua, Rebecca, Natalie, Abigail, and Emmitt Morris and Daniel Leach.

The last member of his immediate family, he was preceded in death by two brothers: Harold and Doyle Ashelman and by a sister, Ruth Deihl.

Funeral Services will be held Tuesday, June 7th, 2016 at 2 PM at the McMichael Funeral Home, Inc., 4394 Red Rock Road, Benton (S. R. 487) with the Rev. Stanley L. Bower, pastor of the Canby Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will be in St. James Cemetery, Fishing Creek Township with full military honors accorded by a joint Veteran's group. A viewing will be held Tuesday from 1 PM until the time of the Service at McMichael's. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to the Canby Lutheran Church, c/o Trudy Ashelman, 25 Oriole Road, Orangeville, PA 17859 or to the Rohrsburg Christian Church, 636A Rohrsburg Road, Orangeville, PA 17859. For online condolences or for additional information, please visit our website: www.mcmichaelfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

St. James Cemetery

Fishing Creek Twp.
Stillwater, PA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 7. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

McMichael Funeral Home, Inc.
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Funeral Service with Military Honors

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Tribute Wall

LM

“ So sorry to read of your loss. We read his obituary and he was an amazing, patriotic man. Your memories of your father and all the things he taught you will always be with you.

Sincerely,
Lew and Linda Matyas

Lew Matyas - June 06, 2016 at 06:30 PM

GL

“ We only knew Mr. Ashelman for a little over 3 years when his granddaughter, Erin married our son, Lorne Leach. However, we came to enjoy his stories of being in World War II. But, like many hard working "farm boys" who served our country so notably, none of his stories could compare to the list of awards he so humbly received (and never bragged about them either). After reading the details in his obituary, we are so proud to have known him and wished that we could have heard more. It is men like Mr. Ashelman who kept our country and communities safe for the current generation. His courage, bravery, and strength must not be forgotten. His life is a legacy to all who follow and will now have to protect this next troubled world. We are so grateful that he was able to meet his "always smiling" great grandson, Daniel, who he cherished dearly. May God Bless Mr. Ashelman's family during this time of loss.

Garry and Pat Leach - June 06, 2016 at 02:38 PM

AC

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Mr. Ashelman. He was a sweet man and a pleasure to work with. He was always a bright moment in our day when he would come into the office for his check-up. He will be greatly missed. The staff at ACE Hearing Centers.

ACE Hearing Centers - June 06, 2016 at 07:48 AM

JE

“ My family and I are truly sorry about the loss of your father, grandfather and great grandfather. I have memories of Pierce that I will keep in my heart forever. Draw strength from the Lord and He will see you through this loss.

Joan Evans and family

Joan Evans - June 04, 2016 at 01:05 PM