



Don Kline Crawford

December 27, 1916 - December 2, 2012

Don Kline Crawford, 95, formerly of Old Greenwood Road, Millville, died Sunday, December 2, 2012 at the Geisinger Medical Center, Danville.

Born December 27, 1916 in Mt. Pleasant Township, he was a son of the late Thomas Franklin Crawford and Helen Arlene (Kline) Crawford. He and his wife, Helen (Smith) Crawford, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on March 28th.

Mr. Crawford attended the Fester School, a one room school house in Mt. Pleasant Township and later graduated from the former Scott High School in 1935.

He proudly served his country in World War II as a Staff Sergeant in the 692nd Tank Destroyer Battalion, 104th Division. He was highly decorated and had received the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart Medal, the European African Middle Eastern Service Medal, the American Defense Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

Mr. Crawford worked as a farmer in his younger years and after World War II he was employed by Girton Sales Co. in Millville for 24 years. He later hauled milk for Zerbin Kline, retiring in 1980.

He was a long time member of the Greenwood United Methodist Church where he had served as a Trustee, Sunday School Teacher and Sunday School Superintendent.

He was also a member of the Millville American Legion, Post 564 and the Military Order of Purple Heart, Chapter 529.

An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed hunting.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, Helen, are his 5 children: Janet Marie Welliver, of Mineral Ridge, Ohio; Gary Lee Crawford and his wife, Barbara, of Millville; Derl Frank Crawford and his wife, Mary, of Millville; Joan Louise Brewer and her husband, Chris, of Bloomsburg; Dean Ross Crawford and his wife, Arlen, of Ouray, Colorado; 10 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren; a brother, Wayne Richard Crawford, of Rockledge, Florida.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Freda Karshner; a brother, Dean Crawford, who died Feb. 16, 2002; a son-in-law, Walter C. Welliver, Sr. and a step grandson, Walter C. Welliver, Jr.

A Visitation will be held Thursday from 10 A.M. until the time of his Memorial Service, at 11 A.M. at the McMichael Funeral Home, Inc., 4394 Red Rock Road, Benton (Rt. 487). Burial will take place in the Elan Memorial Park, Lime Ridge with military honors. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to the Mill-Green United Methodist Church, Millville, PA 17846.

Cemetery Details

Elan Memorial Park

5595 Old Berwick Rd
Bloomsburg, PA

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

McMichael Funeral Home, Inc.
4394 Red Rock Rd.
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Tribute Wall

RM

“ *What a wonderful man Don was! I am so glad I was able to know him and hear so many of his wonderful stories. We will truly miss him at Vintage Knolls! Always in our hearts <3*

Rachel M Mott - December 08, 2012 at 06:27 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Don Kline Crawford.*



December 05, 2012 at 06:06 PM

DM

“ *Dee Makaila purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Don Kline Crawford.*



Dee Makaila - December 05, 2012 at 03:48 PM

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“ *Pat Gordner lit a candle in memory of Don Kline Crawford*



Pat Gordner - December 04, 2012 at 09:21 PM

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“ This is to Don, one of the nicest and sweetest men that ever entered my life. We were neighbors for 35 years and shared alot of laughs. I will never forgot all of our mule rides, sharing vegetables from our gardens, sitting on the porch on those hot summer nights and just the good advice that you always gave me. We will always love and miss you. You will stay in our hearts forever. Love You and Rest in Peace. Pat, Rod and Family

Pat Gordner - December 04, 2012 at 09:20 PM

JB

Thank you, Pat for being such a good neighbor to them as well. He will leave a big hole in our lives, but we have the many many menories to give us going.

Joan Brewer - December 08, 2012 at 09:18 AM

JS

“ Julia Ploch Shepherd lit a candle in memory of Don Kline Crawford



Julia Ploch Shepherd - December 04, 2012 at 05:13 PM

JS

Don & Helen and family was our neighbors for years till everyone moved or is passed. I always went up to see them when I came in from Texas .they were a joy to visit with I really miss living back there .I,ve lived in texas 40 years., but the memories remain the same.Julia ploch Shepherd

Julia Ploch Shepherd - December 04, 2012 at 05:20 PM

BK

“ *What a wonderful man!! I am so glad I got to know him we had some wonderful talks and he was a so respectful to all of us and really looked after his wife. I enjoyed being around him and taking care of him while he was a Vintage Knolls my prayers and thoughts are with Helen and all the rest of the family at this time but Don deserves to be where he is at now, pain free and home at last!!! and I am sure God will take care of Helen now!! I just LOVED DON!!!*

Barb Keeler - December 04, 2012 at 06:49 AM