



Rodney Lee VanPelt

March 1, 1939 - March 21, 2015

Rodney Lee VanPelt, 76, of Orangeville, died early Saturday morning, March 21, 2015 at his home surrounded by his family, under the care of Geisinger Columbia Montour Hospice. He had been in declining health since September.

Born March 1, 1939 in Berwick, he was a son of the late Frederick Lee VanPelt who died August 25, 1980 and Bertha D. (Ebner) VanPelt, who died October 14, 2006. He and his wife, Donna L. (Pentz) Stackhouse VanPelt, celebrated their 8th wedding anniversary on December 27th.

He was a 1957 graduate of Bloomsburg High School. He was a long time manager of Milco Industries where he was a plant supervisor. He retired in 2000 with more than 40 years of service. Earlier, he had been employed by the former Dockey Shirt Factory in Benton.

Mr. VanPelt had also faithfully served his country in the U. S. Army and later in the Army Reserves.

He was a member of the Stillwater Christian Church; the Elk Run Hunting Lodge and was also a member of a local bowling league. He was also a former member of the Benton V. F. W.

An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed hunting, fishing and golfing. He also greatly

enjoyed wood carving in his spare time and most of all, spending time with his family.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, Donna, are his six children; Lori L. Savage, of Benton; Rodney C. VanPelt and his wife, Diana, of Benton; Tami J. Letteer and her husband, Kris, of Benton; Gena L. Gray and her husband, Jon, of Gilbertsville; Jody L. Karschner and her husband, Robby, of Benton and Tina M. Ignatavich, of Benton. Also surviving are two step children: Kelly Rooker and her husband, Donnie, of Benton; Eric Stackhouse and his fiancée, Missy, of Muncy; 20 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren; a sister, Donna Lea Jacoby and her husband, Lloyd "Skip", of Mansfield and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two granddaughters: Leann Savage and Laura Laubach and a son-in-law, David J. Savage.

Funeral Services will be held Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 11 AM at the McMichael Funeral Home, Inc., 4394 Red Rock Road, Benton (S. R. 487) with Pastors Gary DeSanto and Scott Lyons, officiating. Burial will be in the Laurel Hill Cemetery, Orangeville with military honors accorded by a joint veterans group. Viewing, Tuesday from 6 to 8 PM and Wednesday from 10 AM until the time of the Service. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to the Building Fund of Stillwater Christian Church, 42 Wesley Street, Stillwater, PA 17878 or to the American Cancer Society, Columbia County Unit, 1948 East Third Street, Williamsport, PA 17701. For online condolences or for additional information, please visit our website: www.mcmichaelfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **24**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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MAR **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

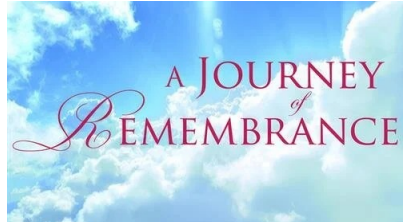
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Tribute Wall



“ *McMichael Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rodney Lee VanPelt*



McMichael Funeral Home, Inc. - April 09, 2015 at 02:28 PM

RT

“ *My wife Andrea and I would like to offer our condolences. We are sorry at Rod's passing, but happy that he no longer suffers. May God bless Donna and Rod's entire family!*



Ralph & Andrea Tompkins

Ralph Tompkins - March 25, 2015 at 02:50 PM

CF

“ *MY PRAYERS TO THE FAMILY.
CARROL FAUSEY*

CARROL FAUSEY - March 25, 2015 at 10:56 AM

CK

“ My prayers go out to the family and friends of Mr. VanPelt. May the Lord comfort them in their time of loss and grief. May God bless the peace, now in their hardest time and always.



Cheryl Kass - March 25, 2015 at 10:40 AM

DB

“ Donna and Rods family , I am so sorry for your loss. I feel your pain, but trust in the Lord that Rod will be waiting for all of you , free from all his earthy pain. I can see him sitting there with his fishing pole by the sparkling water, watching over all of you. God Bless you all! Donna Bird



Donna Bird - March 24, 2015 at 03:50 PM

BO

“ Donna & Rods family,
I am sorry to hear of Rods passing. I remember many good memories with him, not only as a friend ,but also a great boss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. God Bless



Bonnie(Houseweart)Young - March 23, 2015 at 03:00 PM

MM

“ To Donna, all Rod's children and their families,
I remember Rod's quiet, smiling face around town very well. We are so sorry for your loss. May you all find some peace in knowing that your husband and father is no longer suffering. Sincerely, Monica Mika-Machamer, George and Collin

Monica Mika-Machamer - March 23, 2015 at 11:31 AM

JG

“ *It's hard to share just one memory. We enjoyed Rod's company and sense of humor on many occasions. Our condolences to Donna and all of Rod's family. May he RIP Joyce and Bob Gordon*

joyce Gordon - March 22, 2015 at 08:16 PM