



## E. William "Bill" Mather

August 7, 1919 - June 9, 2012

E. William "Bill" Mather, 92, of Jamison City Road, Benton, died Saturday afternoon, June 9, 2012 at the Bonham Nursing Center, Register where he had been a resident since April 26th.

Born August 7, 1919 in Jamison City, he was a son of the late Benjamin Franklin Mather and Gertrude Pearl (Ashelman) Mather. He was preceded in death by his two wives: Pauline (Kingsbury) Mather on December 8, 1987 and Dorothea E. (Stout) Swank Mather on October 14, 2010.

Mr. Mather attended the Jamison City School and the Orangeville School briefly and then went to Benton to school where he graduated from Benton High School in 1937. He proudly served his country in World War II in the U. S. Army.

He spent most of his life in Jamison City except for a year that he lived in Orangeville, 6 years in Benton Township, and a year that he lived in Berwick.

Mr. Mather was Postmaster for the Benton Post Office for 25 years, retiring in 1983. In his younger years, he was a welder at the Berwick A. C. & F.

He was a member of Christ United Methodist Church of Central and had served on the Church Advisory Board and had been the church treasurer and

a trustee at one time. He was also active in the Annual United Methodist Church Conference for many years.

Mr. Mather was very active with the North Mountain Volunteer Fire Company and the Sugarloaf Community Ambulance for many years. He served as President of the Fire Company for 17 years and was President and Chief Driver for the Ambulance Association for many years. He was very active with the annual North Mountain Carnival of which he served as Treasurer. Several years ago the carnival grounds were named for him in his honor for his decades of dedication and volunteering. He was also President of the Sugarloaf School Memorial Association and assisted with the fish dinners at the Sugarloaf Memorial Building in Grassmere since 1957.

He was also involved in local politics and served as the Emergency Management contact for Sugarloaf Township for many years.

He was a member of the National Association of Postmasters and a former member of the Berwick Moose Lodge.

He was the last member of his immediate family and in addition to his two wives was preceded in death by a sister, Mary lobst who died in January 1999 and a brother, George Mather, who died in 1960.

Funeral Services will be held Wednesday, June 13th, 2012 at 11 A. M. at the McMichael Funeral Home, Inc., 4394 Red Rock Road, Benton (Rt. 487) with the Rev. Howard W. Leh, his pastor and close friend, officiating. Burial will be in the Benton Cemetery. A Viewing will be held Wednesday from 9:30 AM until the time of the service at 11 at McMichael's. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to Christ United Methodist Church, c/o Rev. Leh, 605 Camp Lavigne Road, Benton, PA 17814.



# Cemetery Details

## Benton Cemetery

Cemetery Hill Rd  
Benton, PA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 13. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

KB

“ *bill was a wonderful and kind i used to go over to his house all the time irelly miss him*

**kasey and kelly boyle** - January 29, 2013 at 10:28 PM

KN

“ *Kim Neely-Smith lit a candle in memory of E. William "Bill" Mather*



**Kim Neely-Smith** - June 27, 2012 at 03:00 PM

MH

“ *Mariann Houseweart lit a candle in memory of E. William "Bill" Mather*



**Mariann Houseweart** - June 24, 2012 at 09:56 PM

JJ

“ *Great uncle Bill was a kind and gentle man who always put family and community first. I will forever remember the love and devotion that he showed to my great grandmother Edna Kingsbury, even after the passing of my great aunt Pauline. He will be missed!!! Julie Jackson & family, Broomfield, CO.*

**Julie (Hollopeter) Jackson** - June 13, 2012 at 07:44 AM

KN

*Hi Julie! I remember Edna and her husband Chap Kingsbury. My grandparents Sam and Agnes Levis lived next door to them for many years, and they were very close friends. I used to visit in the summers, and I remember curling up on Edna's front porch swing, eating the cookies that she baked for me! We used to all sit on the porch together during bad storms and wince at the lightning! Bill Mather and my Grandfather were very good friends. My Grandmother was very good friends with Pauline Mather. When I moved to Jamison City in 2006, I reconnected with Bill. He has been a good friend to me and my husband Stephen and our daughter Emily. Bill was always so much fun to talk to, and could answer any question about the past in Jamison City that you could throw at him! We will miss him dearly!*  
*Sincerely, Kim Neely-Smith*

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**Kim Neely-Smith** - June 27, 2012 at 03:11 PM

DG

“*Mr. Mather was a very kind man and i've known him since i was little. He did alot of community work and i think anyone who grew up in the benton/jamison city area know the name Mather very well whether it be from the benton post office or the jamison city carnival. He will be missed but never forgotten for who he was and all of the good things he did during his life. the "Ginger" family from main st in benton. our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to the Mather family.*

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**Debbie Ginger** - June 12, 2012 at 08:28 PM

JH

“*My Great Uncle Bill was a wonderful man. He was always kind to me, and I loved hearing his stories. I am thankful I got to know him as he held a special place in my heart.*

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**Jessica Hollopeter** - June 12, 2012 at 09:18 AM

DH

“ I am thankful for the many years I had to know Uncle Bill. I will remember with fondness visiting with him and Aunt Pauline in Jamison City. He cared about his community and his neighbors and his church family. His presence will be missed in Jamison City, in Benton, and beyond. Donna (Kingsbury) Hollopeter, Huntington Indiana

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**Donna Kay (Kingsbury) Hollopeter** - June 12, 2012 at 07:48 AM

SS

“ Our family was truly blessed in knowing such a fine man and his passing has saddened us deeply. The Slusser Family

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**Susan Slusser** - June 11, 2012 at 06:41 PM

OH

“ We have lost a great history book with the passing of Bill. With all the knowledge and help that he has given the community he will be sadly missed for a very long time.  
OwenHess

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**Owen Hess** - June 10, 2012 at 12:52 AM

GS

My fondest memory of Bill, is sitting with him in our back yard in the village of Central, as he told me the rich history of this beautiful area. I will miss our talks....  
Gail and Lou (Central)

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**Gail Stark** - June 10, 2012 at 06:00 AM

JB

*Our condolences from Southbrook Field & Stream Club in Jamison City - my father was one of the original club members who bought the cabin in 1959 and we kids loved visiting every summer and all still go up as members ourselves - have special memories of wandering through Mr. Mather's wonderful field of pine trees - smelled so good and was so magical. Will miss seeing him from our porch now. Jane Palestini Besignor*

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**Jane Palestini Besignor** - June 10, 2012 at 12:10 PM

JQ

*It is with great sadness to hear of the passing of my great uncle Bill Mather. I will never forget the visits my family made to Aunt Pauline and Uncle Bill's home in Jamison City. He was always so friendly and sharing the history of the area with me. Going to their home was always an adventure, and I loved the beauty of the surrounding mountains. I know that Uncle Bill was a man devoted to his country, community and church and he now rests in peace. - Jennifer Quick (grand daughter of Bill and Catherine Kingsbury, daughter of Jason and Donna Hollopeter)*

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**Jennifer Quick** - June 11, 2012 at 09:38 AM