



HERBERT RADAKER

July 10, 1930 - November 25, 2018

Herbert E. Radaker, 88, of Licking Twp., Parker, Pa., passed away at his home on November 25, 2018. Born July 10, 1930, in Licking Twp., Parker Pa., he was the son of late Rev. Ralph J. and Mary Grace Kilgore Radaker. He graduated from Meadville High School in 1948, then attained a B.S. Degree in Education from the former Clarion State College, now University (1957) and a Master's Degree from Westminster College in School Administration. He also continued to his education to obtain both Secondary and Elementary Principals Certificates. He taught first at Union School District in Rimersburg, Pa and then moved to Allegheny Clarion - Valley School District, Foxburg, Pa., as a school administrator.

Drafted into the United States Army on January 17, 1952 (Korean Conflict) at Ft. Dix, Nj., in February 1953 he graduated from the infantry School (OCS) Ft. Benning, GA. as 2nd Lt. and assigned as a Tactics Instructor with the 101st Airborne Division. After being released from Active Duty he continued in the Reserve Program (323rd Chemical. Co. of Clarion, Pa) attended the Chemical Corp. School at Ft McClellan, Al. Then being recalled to Active Duty during the Berlin Crisis. He was then reassigned to the 485th Chemical Battalion and was promoted to the rank of Lt. Col., as their Commanding Officer. In 1971 he graduated from the Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, Ks. He had 27 and half years of Active and Reserve Duty. On January 19, 1981, he was awarded the "Meritorious Service Medal." He received the "Certificate of Retirement" from The United States Army on July 10, 1990.

He was Past Master of Canby Lodge #520 of St. Petersburg, Pa., a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Oil City and New Castle, Pa. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 0598.

In his youth, he was an avid baseball player, once receiving a baseball signed by Honus Wagner. He even had a tri-out with the Cleveland Indians. In 1948, he turned his interest to golf and was a member of the Foxburg Country Club for many years. He enjoyed farming, hunting and woodworking.

He served Callensburg Borough as their Justice of the Peace for over 10 years and continued an Income Tax practice for over 35 years,

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, the former Donna Lou Johns, his son Jeffrey, and

his sister Evelyn Imogene McGuirk. As well as two sisters-in-law and many caring nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a brother, Byron C. Radaker

Friends will be received at the H. Jack Buzard Funeral Home in Parker (201 S. Wayne Ave) on Tuesday November 27th from 6-8pm. A masonic service by the Parker Loge will be held at the funeral home at 8pm . Visitation will be held again on Wednesday the 28th from 10-11am at the funeral home preceding the Military Honors at 11am followed by the funeral service. Interment will follow at the Callensburg Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

JM

“ *A candle was lit by Judy Merchant*

on February 4, 2019 3:12 PM

Donna, you may not remember me-Judy Merchant-George and I used to have Herb do our taxes for many years. Such a nice man. We enjoyed his talks as he was doing our taxes. You have my heartfelt sympathy. I lost George in 2016 from multiple myeloma- I miss him every day. God Bless ,Judy

Judy Merchant - February 04, 2019 at 02:17 PM

EA

“ *Donna & Jeff: We just heard about Herb's passing via your Christmas Card. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and Jeff.*

Brenda & Eric

Eric Armstrong - January 15, 2019 at 12:46 PM

MM

“ *Prayers to Donna and Jeff. Herb was a great man, he will be missed. Wish I could of got down to see you all. Blessing to all the family. Heaven gained another angel.*

Mary J McHenry - January 15, 2019 at 12:46 PM

KM

“ *Sending my sincerest sympathies to you, Donna, & your family at this time of loss.Â I pray for God's comfort to you, giving you peace that passes all understanding.Â You are not alone as you will be in my thoughts & prayers.*

Kathy Webb Myers - January 15, 2019 at 12:46 PM

SS

“ *We will miss you so much!! Herb has been an amazing friend for the past 7 years!! Thank you for your smile!Â Prayers to Donna and Jeff! All our love, Stacie and Breane (lab girls)*

stacie staup - January 15, 2019 at 12:46 PM

SS

“ My heart breaks to see this! Herb was such an amazing person and I will miss him coming into the office to see us!! Praying for you Donna and Jeff! His huge heart has inspired me!

stacie staup - January 15, 2019 at 12:46 PM

ES

“ A MOUNTAIN MEADOW PEDESTAL ARRANGEMENT was sent on November 26, 2018We are so lucky to have loved someone that is so hard to say goodbye to.

*Lots of Love Always,
Angie & Marcel*

Expression of Sympathy - January 15, 2019 at 12:46 PM

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“ A SPATHIPHYLLUM was sent on November 26, 2018Aunt Huggie and Cousin Jeff,

We love you and are praying for you. Uncle Herbie had the two best nurses here on Earth and we know he is playing golf and smiling down on you from heaven!

XOXO,

Abby and Lincoln

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