



John Keeler,

November 9, 1925 - March 17, 2010

John G. Keeler, age 84 of Pennsville, NJ died on Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at the home of his daughter in Claymont, DE.

He was born in Erma, Cape May County, NJ to the late John and Myrtle Keeler.

He graduated from Penns Grove Regional High School in 1943 and the New York Trade School in New York City.

John served in the US Army during WWII in France, the Philippine Islands and Japan with the 1777th Engineer Construction Battalion.

In 1982 he retired from the electrical department at DuPont – Chambers Works in Deepwater, NJ following 39 years of service.

John co-founded and served as president for the Obissquasoit Archery Club, Alloway, NJ. He also served as president and director of the Salem County Sportsmen's Club.

A freemason and member of Shekinah Masonic Lodge No. 58, Millville, NJ he also served as a Grand Chaplain (1983-1984) for the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Freemasons of the State of NJ. He was a 32nd degree member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Bodies in the valley of South Jersey. He was also active in the York Masonic Bodies.

John is survived by his wife of 18 years, Marie L. (Pate, Taylor); his children and stepchildren, grand children, great grand children; two sisters, Jean S. of Pennsville and Marian Randolph (William) of Carneys Point.

He was predeceased by his brothers, Harvey H. and William E., and a stepson, Charles S. Pate of Spanaway, WA.

John was previously married to Wilma C. (Gillespie) and Berenice F. (Vining, Mills) who both predeceased him.

Funeral services and interment in Sharptown Methodist Cemetery were held at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to: Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., 5097 N. Eleton Ave., Suite 100, Chicago, IL 60630-2460 or to Vitas Innovative Hospice Care, 100 Commerce Drive, Christiana Corporate Center #302, Newark, DE 19713.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Ashcraft Funeral Homes, Penns Grove and Pennsville.