



Joseph Lajoie

September 6, 1913 - October 5, 2010

Joseph Lajoie at age 97, of Valdosta, GA, and Penns Grove, NJ passed away peacefully on October 5, 2010. Joseph was born in Newport, DE on September 6, 1913, son of the late Joseph Francis Lajoie and Mary Ellen Cooker. While working at the Camden ship Yards, the Navy Department during WWII moved him and his family to the Panama Canal Zone, USA, to use his welding skills to repair the canal locks and war ships moving through the canal. Upon returning to the States he settled in Penns Grove, NJ, where he worked as a welder at the DuPont Co. in Carneys Point, NJ for over 30 years before retiring to begin his own welding business. He retired from his own business at the age of 72 and moved to Williamsburg, VA. With too much time on his hands, he began to venture in the furniture and woodworking craft and became quite talented as a self-taught furniture craftsman. Later he and his wife moved to Valdosta, GA, where he continued with his woodworking. Their house in Valdosta displayed several fine pieces of his furniture. He loved to keep busy and worked actively until the time of his death. Mr. Lajoie is survived by his wife of 37 years, Elizabeth Homan Lajoie, and children: Ruth E. Lajoie and long-time friend Sharyn Wingate of Newark, DE; Judith L. Hall and husband David of North Myrtle Beach, SC; Barbara A. Lajoie of Mesa, AZ; Aimee Homan Gilbert and Husband Walter of Jacksonville, FL; seven grandchildren; eleven great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. Mr. Lajoie was pre-deceased by his sisters, Isabel and Hazel and first wife, Ruth (Cheeseman). "Dad, you will be missed!" There will be no calling hours.

Interment and graveside services will be at East View Cemetery, Route 49, Salem, NJ at noon on Thursday, October 14, 2010. In lieu of flowers please donate to a charity of your choice.