



Melvin H. Bennett

October 17, 1924 - August 19, 2013

Melvin H. Bennett, age 88 of Merion Gardens in Carneys Point and formerly of Pennsville passed away on Monday August 19, 2013 at Christiana Hospital. Born in Penns Grove, he was the son of the late Edwin R. and Blanche Ballinger Bennett.

Mr. Bennett served in the US Army during WWII; he took part in the D Day invasion of Normandy and the Battle of the Bulge. He was awarded five battle stars, the Purple Heart, for wounds received in the invasion of Normandy, and the Presidential citation and bronze arrow-head.

He was a self-employed businessman, owning Cowan's Appliance and Sewing Machine Store in Penns Grove for over 40 years and several laundromats for over 40 years.

Mr. Bennett was an avid Phillies' fan and had played for the All Stars of the Salem County League, and Pedricktown.

He was a member, past president and past secretary of the Exchange Club of Penns Grove and a member of the VFW.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Claire (nee Cowan), his daughter and son in law, Melody and Robert Lythgoe, his grandchildren, Rob and Kellie, his great grandchildren, Bobby, Madelyn, Caroline, Lindsay and Lucas, as well as his brother Donald and sister in law Wanda.

A viewing will be held Thursday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 PM and Friday from 9:00 to 10:00 AM in the Ashcraft Funeral Home, 740 S. Broadway, Pennsville. Services will be 10:00 AM Friday at the funeral home.

Interment will be in Eglington Cemetery, Clarksboro.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Exchange Club of Penns Grove, c/o Anthony Rapone, 294 Harding Highway, Carneys Point, NJ 08069.

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Cemetery Details

Eglington Cemetery

320 Kings Highway
Clarksboro, NJ 08023
(856) 423-0165

Tribute Wall



“ *Ashcraft Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Melvin H. Bennett*



Ashcraft Funeral Homes - August 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I am sorry for your loss & to Don the loss of your Brother. Joe Robinson*

Joe Robinson - August 21, 2013 at 07:13 AM