



Obituary

Born: Thursday, June 23, 1927

Died: Monday, August 24, 2020

Robert "Bob" A. Francett, 93, formerly of Greenwich Township, New Jersey, died Monday, August 24, 2020 at Old Orchard Health Care Center, Bethlehem Township, Pennsylvania. Bob was born on June 23, 1927, the second son of the late Harry and Barbara (Albert) Francett. He was married to Elizabeth "Betty" Shepherd for 55 happy years until her death in 2005. Bob graduated from Easton High School. He then served in the U.S. Navy from February 1945 to June 1946, when he was honorably discharged. From his youth, he was mechanically gifted, able to take apart and repair almost any mechanical object, from cars to appliances to televisions. He attended technical schools in New York City and Philadelphia for radio and television broadcast engineering, his lifelong career. He was the chief broadcast engineer at WEEZ radio station in Easton for almost 20 years and broadcast engineer at WLVT-TV in Bethlehem for 25 years, until his retirement in 1992. Bob pursued many interests throughout his very active life. He especially loved the outdoors and wildlife. He enjoyed swimming in the Delaware River and the Atlantic Ocean, hiking and camping in the mountains, and beach walks during family trips to the seashore. He played baseball and softball with local groups for many years during his leisure time in the spring and summer. He also was an avid TV sports fan, especially football, basketball, and baseball (except for the Yankees!). He will always be remembered as a man of few words and a great deal of common sense, who was a loving husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and trusted friend. He is survived by his younger brother Donald of St. Petersburg, Florida; his son, Robert D. and his wife Patricia of Anchorage, Alaska; his daughter Barbara and her husband Dennis Tippenreiter of Bloomfield, New Jersey; four grandchildren, Christine Karna, Vicki Dedik, Jeffrey Francett, and Beth Tippenreiter; two great-grandchildren, Joshua and Katie Karna; and many nephews and a niece. An older brother, John William (Bill), as well as his sister-in-law Betty and a nephew John, all died earlier. Services will be private under the direction of the Noto-Wynkoop Funeral Home, 289 South Main St, Phillipsburg. www.noto-wynkoop.com. He will be laid to rest next to his wife in the Stewartsville Cemetery, Stewartsville, New Jersey.

Service Summary

Private Services

Location: - *Not available* -