



Ivan J. Benedetti

August 18, 2009

Ivan J. Benedetti, 94, formerly of Speers Hill, passed away on Tuesday, August 18, 2009 in The Wyngate Senior Assisted Living facility of Parkersburg, WV. A son of the late George and Mary Franchini Benedetti, he was born in California, PA on January 7, 1915. A member of the Speers United Methodist Church, he had resided in Speers since 1961 until moving to Parkersburg one year ago. Ivan was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, having served with the Combat Engineers, and retired in 1977 from the Allenport Plant of Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Company. Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Jon and Judith Benedetti of Vienna, WV, one son-in-law, Dr. Richard A. Long, and his wife, Mary Lee, of Rostraver Twp., five grandchildren, Jennifer Steele, Rebecca Heise, Matthew Long, Michael Benedetti and Mark Benedetti, three step grandchildren, Jackie Opalko, Michael McWilliams and Rachel Long, and three step great-grandchildren, Triston, Sydney and Danica Opalko. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Dorothy E. Vandermer Benedetti on December 18, 2006, one daughter, Joyce A. Long on September 18, 1986, one sister, Louise Ferguson and one brother, Edmund P. Benedetti. Friends will be received 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 P.M. Friday in the Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc., 700 Broad Avenue, Belle Vernon, 724-929-5300. www.FergusonFuneralHomeAndCrematory.com Funeral services will be in the Speers United Methodist Church on Saturday at 12:30 P.M. with Pastor Ross Pryor officiating. Interment will follow in Mon Valley Memorial Park.