



James G. Ramsier

December 7, 1933 - March 16, 2010

The patriarch of our family, James Gerald ""Duke"" Ramsier , 76, of Perryopolis, passed from this life after a short illness, March 16, 2010. Son of the late Franklin Paul and Gertrude Brocco Ramsier, Jim was born in Star Junction on Dec. 7, 1933. He served his country with distinction in the Army, while stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia. A welder by trade, he retired from Mine Technik of America, Inc. as plant supervisor. After retirement, he sought an active life, returning to the work force at Dongilli's Auto Sales. Jim enjoyed a lifelong passion for harness racing, including breeding and owning standard bred race horses. Jim was devoted to the love of his life, his wife, Dorothy Tomalski Ramsier. The two happily celebrated fifty seven years of marriage on October 17. Along with his wife, Jim is survived by his loving family including three children; Mark E., Esq. and Karen Kuklar Ramsier of Belle Vernon, Marcia Ramsier Arthurs and Paul Michael Hoover, M.D. of Rostraver Twp., and Michael J. Ramsier and Tracey McMahan of Perryopolis. Jim was the proud grandfather of Claire Arthurs (fiancee' Thomas J. Broeker) of Columbus, Georgia, Chloe' Arthurs and Robert Arthurs III of Rostraver Twp., Amanda and Alicia Ramsier of Belle Vernon. One sister, Delta Ramsier Pittavino of Smithton, three brothers, Rhys Ramsier of Star Junction, Robert (Molly) Ramsier of Kissimmee, Florida, and Bruce (Laurene) Ramsier of Perryopolis RD, and sister-in-law Barbara Garrow Ramsier of Louisville, Ohio and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death by one brother, Mahlon Edward, of Louisville, Ohio in 2009, and

brother-in-law Donald Pittavino of Smithton in 2006. Friends will be received 2-4 and 7-9 PM Friday in the Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc., 724-929-5300, 700 Broad Avenue, Belle Vernon. www.FergusonFuneralHomeAndCrematory.com A blessing service will be in the funeral home on Saturday at 9 AM followed by a funeral mass at 9:30 AM in St. Sebastian Roman Catholic Church with Rev. Lawrence Manchas as celebrant. Interment will follow in Belle Vernon Cemetery. On Friday at 3 PM the rosary will be prayed in the funeral home led by members of St. Sebastian parish.