



John A. Zaph

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John A. Zaph, 71, of Monessen, formerly of Rostraver Twp. died Wednesday, April 27, 2005 in the home of his daughter, Joyce. A son of the late John H. and Sarah Nevins Zaph, he was born in Charleroi on June 8, 1933. He attended the Charleroi Baptist Church and was a member of the Charleroi American Legion, Post 22. Formerly of Rostraver Twp., he had resided in Monessen for the past 2 years. Mr. Zaph retired from U.S. Steel, Clairton Works in 1995 after 38 years of service and was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean Conflict. Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Sharon Roley Zaph, 2 daughters and a son-in-law, Faith and Al Gantner of Star Junction and Joyce Griffith of Monessen, 6 grandchildren, Dana Cramer, Jason and Jeffrey Ritenour, Brandy Valentine and Ronald and Dustin Griffith, 13 grandchildren and his beloved pet 'Sammy'. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by 3 brothers, Fred, James and Warren Zaph and a step-sister, Marie Stech. Friends will be received from 7 to 9 P.M. Thursday and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 P.M. Friday in the Ferguson Funeral Home, Inc. and Cremation Service, (724-929-5300), a Golden Rule Member Firm, 700 Broad Avenue, Belle Vernon. Funeral services will be in the funeral home on Saturday at 10:00 A.M. with Rev. Kevin Roberts officiating. Interment will follow in Mon Valley Memorial Park. The Charleroi Legion will meet in the funeral home to hold services Friday at 8:00 P.M.