



## Ralph M. Byerly

April 8, 1930 - April 4, 2016

Ralph M. "Buck" Byerly, Jr., 85, of Manheim, PA, formerly of Belle Vernon, passed away in Heart of Lancaster Hospital, Lititz, PA on Monday, April 4, 2016. A son of the late Ralph M. and Mary Elizabeth McKenna Byerly, he was born in Grindstone on April 8, 1930. Ralph had resided in Belle Vernon until moving to Vero Beach, FL in 1984 and later moving to Manheim in 2006. He worked for Beneficial Finance in Charleroi and Equibank in Monroeville and Harbor Federal in Vero Beach, FL prior to his retirement. He was a former member of the North Belle Vernon Volunteer Fire Department; Moose Lodge 1822 in Vero Beach, FL; VFW Post 1463 Lititz and the American Legion Post 56, both of Lititz; the Vero Beach Veterans Association, and was a veteran of the Korean War serving in the Marines. Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law Leah (Christopher) Geary of Shrewsbury, PA; sister and brother-in-law, Marilyn Walinski (Leonard) of Ft. Pierce, FL, a sister-in-law, Kitty Campbell, a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Verona and Jim Lambert of Lititz; granddaughter and husband Jennifer Stackpoole (Michael) of Etters, PA; and great grandson, Trey Stackpoole. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Helen Grashion Byerly in 1977; second wife, Esther Wright Byerly in 2006; and brother, Donald Campbell. Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc. will be handling the arrangements. , 700 Broad Avenue, Belle Vernon. [www.FergusonFuneralHomeAndCrematory.com](http://www.FergusonFuneralHomeAndCrematory.com) 724-929-5300. A funeral service will be in the chapel of Belle Vernon Cemetery at 1:00 P.M. Thursday, April 14, 2016 with Rev. Ken Jones, pastor of the First

United Methodist Church of Belle Vernon, officiating. Memorial donations may be made to the North Belle Vernon Volunteer Fire Department, 535 Graham Street, Belle Vernon, PA 15012 or the Disabled Veterans, VA Regional Office, 1000 Liberty Avenue, Rm. 1606, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

# Cemetery Details

## **Belle Vernon Cemetery**

1000 Broad Avenue  
Belle Vernon, PA 15012

# Tribute Wall

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“ *What a surprise to see Buck's obit in the Lancaster Newspaper. He was my manager at Equibank in Washington PA back in the 80's. I attended his second wedding and missed him when he moved to Florida. He was a real inspiration to me in banking and taught me a lot and was respected. His influence is why I am still in banking today. I live in Lititz and almost fell off my chair when I saw his name. I wish I would have known, I would have visited him. It's a small world.*

*I send my sympathy to your family in his passing. Just know he was well thought of by his banking staff at Equibank in Washington, PA. What a great man!*

*Deb Trinkley, Lititz, PA*

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**Deb Trinkley** - April 07, 2016 at 07:32 PM

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“ *I new Ralph as Buck when he was around the Fire Dept. We worked on fund raising projects together in my first few years with the Fire Dept. He lived on Henry St. right behind where I lived above Abbotts News Store. One day the Fire Alarm sound and I was running toward the Fire Station and the First Truck was going by me right by the Bank Building on its way to Bucks house. The men get there and Buck is asleep on his couch. Someone called in a false alarm or was pulling a joke on Buck. We at the Fire Dept. lost contact with him in 1987. He served the Community so we thank him for that. He is closer to God now. Mike Wassilchalk, Jr.*

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**Mike Wassilchalk, Jr.** - April 06, 2016 at 08:42 AM

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“ Leah, Chris, Jenny, Mike and Trey...We did not know your loved one that well, but the few times we were fortunate enough to meet him, I can see why he was so special to all of you. Our thoughts are with you as you go through this difficult time. Always remember, "he loved you" and will always be watching over you.  
Love, Tim and Vera

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**Vera Heilman** - April 05, 2016 at 07:14 PM