

William G. Lane Jr.

Hustontown, 91

William G. Lane Jr., 91, Hustontown, died at 9:40 p.m., Wednesday, October 29, 2014, at the Long-Term Care Unit, Fulton County Medical Center, McConnellsburg.

Born December 22, 1922, at Mapleton Depot, Huntingdon County, he was the son of the late William and Verna A. (Park) Lane. He was married to Elva Knepper on May 9, 1950. She survives at home.

He is survived by a son, Bryan Lane, and wife Debra, Carlisle; and a daughter, Ruth Zimmers, Seattle, Wash.; four grandchildren: Heather, Matt, Elizabeth and Rebecca; four great-grandchildren: Ryan, Juliette, Logan and Mateo; and three sisters: Lois Bard, Chambersburg; Luella Keebaugh, Shade Gap; and Carol Love, Saxton.

He was preceded in death by two brothers: Ben and Walter Lane; and two sisters: Gretchen Gwaltney and Dora Keebaugh.

He was a member of Fairview United Methodist Church, Harrisonville.

He retired in 1979 from Letterkenny Army Depot, Chambersburg. In earlier years, he had worked for Greencastle Canning Co., in their pea harvesting program.

A World War II veteran, he served in combat with the U.S. Army Co. I, 71st Infantry

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Regiment, 44th Infantry Division in France, Germany and Austria. While in the service, he earned a Purple Heart with three oak leaf clusters, a Bronze Star for valor, and a battlefield commission as a second lieutenant. In addition, he and his comrades in Company I were awarded a presidential unit citation for the capture and defense of Freudenberg Farm, part of the Maginot Line in the vicinity of Bitche, France, thereby securing the division flank.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, November 3, 2014, at Fairview United Methodist Church, Harrisonville. Pastor Richard Bernhard officiated. Interment was at Center Cemetery.

M.R. Brown Funeral Home, Hustontown, was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Fairview United Methodist Church, c/o Pastor Jean Swett, 1146 Waterfall Road, McConnellsburg, PA 17233 or to the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, KS.