

John R. Shimer

McConnellsburg, 85

John R. Shimer, 85, a resident of Fulton County Medical Center Extended Care Unit, McConnellsburg, died Wednesday, February 23, 2005.

He was born February 14, 1920, in McConnellsburg, a son of the late Paul S. and Kathryn Mentzer Shimer.

Once out of high school, he was employed by Fairchild Aircraft in Hagerstown. During World War II, he left Fairchild Aircraft to join the Army. For his service in World War II, he was awarded the Purple Heart.

Upon returning to McConnellsburg from the Army, he founded Shimer's Body Shop, an auto body repair shop in McConnellsburg with his late wife, Polly Morton Shimer. He was very active in the McConnellsburg community, serving many organizations including McConnellsburg Lions Club, George Washington Lodge in Chambersburg; Scottish Rite, Jaffa Shrine, McConnellsburg Volunteer Fire Company, American Legion Post 561, VFW Post 655, Old Timers Hunting and Loafing Club, Potomac Fish and Game Club, and St. Paul Lutheran Church.

He is survived by three sisters: Dorothy S. Demeter, Orlando Beach, Fla.; Kathryn S. Ruggiero, Chambersburg, and Mary S. Duncan, Fayetteville.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; a sister, Florence S. Watkins, and three brothers: Cyrus "Bill" Shimer, Paul Shimer Jr., and Jack L. Shimer.

Funeral services were held at St. Paul Lutheran Church Monday, February 28, at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Allen Reed officiated. Burial was made in Union Cemetery where Fulton Honor Guard conducted military services.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church Endowment Fund, 220 North Third

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