



STEPHEN CLAUDE PURDY

November 15, 2011

Stephen Claude Purdy, 89, of Lancaster passed away on Sunday, November 13, 2011, after a brief illness. Born June 13, 1922 in McDonough, New York, he was the son of the late Claude E. and Ellen (Skillman) Purdy. He was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Elizabeth M. (Vigus) Purdy on July 20, 1997.

He moved to Lancaster in 1950 to work for Steinman Hardware. He continued working as a hardware consultant until his retirement. Steve was a member of the American Society of Architectural Hardware Consultants.

He was a faithful member and Life Vestry Member of St. James Episcopal church serving as both People's Warden and Rector's Warden. Over the years he was active all areas of church life including teaching Sunday School, leading prayer groups, Property Committee, Finance Committee, Usher, Eucharistic Visitor, Greeter, Tour Guide, and much more. He also served in the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania on several committees.

In later years, he was a volunteer for Hospice of Lancaster County. He was active in two local square dance clubs, Do Pas O and Grand Squares. Steve was an active foster parent, with Betty, to 88 foster babies and children enriching each young life they touched.

Surviving are six children, Melody A., wife of James R. Lewis of Columbia Crossroads, PA; Frederick C., husband of Yvonne Gombach of Rocky River, OH; Beth E., wife of John Creager of Katy, TX; Timothy S., husband of Leslie Suess of Cumberland, MD; Phillip C., husband of Susan Neitz of Lancaster; Roger J., husband of Krystal Durbin of Leola; 9 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one grandson, David S. Creager.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. at St. James Episcopal Church, 119 N. Duke Street, Lancaster, PA 17602 with concelebrants, The Reverend David W. Peck and The Reverend Thomas C. Purdy. Interment will take place at St. James Memorial Garden. Family will receive friends immediately before the service from 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Friends and family are invited to a reception in the Parish House following the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Steve's memory can be made to St. James Episcopal Church designated to the Gifts Across Generations, Capital Campaign or to Hospice of Lancaster County, 685 Good Drive, Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604.

Tribute Wall



“ *STEPHEN CLAUDE PURDY*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Dear Phil, Beth, Melody, Fred, Tim, Roger and family, I was so saddened to learn of the passing of your father. He was a good man, a good father to all of you and to the foster children of whom I remember some of, quite fondly from babysitting them. It was fun spending time with all of you growing up and I will never forget those days on Walnut St. Know that my love and prayers are with you at this time and may you feel Gods loving arms around you. Sincerely in love. Ellen McLane Keller*

ELLEN McLANE KELLER - November 21, 2011 at 11:10 AM



“ *Steve was a resident at WCV where I am a food service worker. All I want to say is that Steve always put a smile on my face everyday I saw him. My fellow co-workers were very upset when we found out he passed away and wish him peace. We love you Steve! Keep on reading :)*

Kim Wright - November 16, 2011 at 08:43 AM