



## W. PARKE MCKINNEY

March 9, 2012

W. Parke McKinney, 89, of Lancaster, devoted family man, World War II veteran and longtime employee of the Hamilton Watch Company, died on Thursday, March 8, 2012 at the Essa Flory Hospice Center after a brief illness.

A beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Parke was born in Willow Street, the son of William Evan McKinney and Edna Harnish McKinney. He was a graduate of West Lampeter High School.

As a sergeant and platoon leader during World War II, he participated in the immediate aftermath of the D-Day Invasion, transporting supplies to the field of battle. He later did the same thing during the Battle of the Bulge, and he was present and helped to transport survivors of Buchenwald, following the concentration camp's liberation in 1945.

After the war, Parke resumed his career at Hamilton Watch, where he spent 43 years, beginning in watch assembly and retiring in 1984 in management. Among the highlights of his career, Parke traveled to Brazil in the late 1950s to explain the company's new invention – the electric watch.

Parke was a 52-year member of Otterbein United Methodist Church, where he served as chairman of the board of trustees and head usher among his many activities. He was also an avid golfer.

Parke and his wife of 65 years, Mary Mildred Yunginger McKinney, who survives him, raised two children: the Rev. Dr. William P. McKinney, Philadelphia; and Lisa D. Eshleman, wife of Russell Eshleman, Landisville.

He is also survived by five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, as well as by two sisters, Pauline Plank, of Willow Street; and Arlene, wife of William Maclsaac, Vicksburg, Mich.

Funeral services will take place on Saturday, March 17, at 10:30 a.m., at Otterbein United Methodist Church, 20 E. Clay St., Lancaster. Friends may greet the family at 9:30 a.m., with interment to follow the service at Conestoga Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Parke's name to Otterbein United Methodist Church, 20 E. Clay Street, Lancaster, PA 17602.

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October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Mrs. MCKINNEY and family, I am so sadden with the news of the passing of Mr. MCKINNEY. Keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Gail J. Buohl-Swartz*

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**Gail J. Buohl-Swartz** - March 11, 2012 at 10:06 PM