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Obituary for Richard L. Messenger

It is with peace and comfort that we share with you that our loving father, Richard L. Messenger of Lebanon, went into eternal presence with his Lord and Savior on February 19, 2018. He was the husband of the late Myrtle G. (Risser) Messenger who died in 2010, and to whom he was married for 66 years.

Born in Cleona on April 5, 1925, he was the son of the late Christian and Anna Schwenk Messenger. In his youth, he signed to play professional baseball as a catcher with the Wilmington Blue Rocks in Delaware prior to enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corp. during WW II. He had worked at Bamberger's in Lebanon and retired as a heavy equipment operator from Met-Ed after 24 years of service.

Richard was a 1943 graduate of Lebanon High School, a member of the Hebron Hunting Club, and attended Faith Baptist Church, Lebanon. He was extremely involved with his community, cherished his times at Cedar Run with his loving family, and enjoyed faithfully supporting his family's activities.

Surviving are three sons Gary, Sr. husband of Kathleen Messenger of Slate Run, Craig husband of Marsha Messenger of Myerstown, Dean husband of Jeryl Messenger of Cleona, 8 grandchildren: Gary, Jr. (Pam), Brandyn (Anndrea), Amy Mease (Dave), Todd (Heather), Shawn Allwein (Ted), Rebeka Althouse (Greg), Jeremy (Jill), and Joy Victor (Justin), 30 great grandchildren, and 4 great, great grandchildren, and a daughter-in-law Diane Messenger of Lebanon.

He was preceded in death by a son Rodney L. Messenger, an infant daughter Beth Ann Messenger, and a sister Minerva Breidenstein.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 11:00 AM at Faith Baptist Church, 220 S. 22nd Street, Lebanon, PA 17042. Interment will be held in Grand View Memorial Park with Military Honors. A viewing will be held one hour prior to the service at the Church. Contributions may be made to Faith Baptist Mission Program or the Child Evangelism Fellowship, 637 Chestnut Street, Lebanon, PA 17042.

Kreamer Funeral Home and Crematory, Annville is in charge of arrangements.



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