

Charles F. Hartz(1931 - 2015)

Charles F. "Chappie" Hartz, 84, of Connellsville, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2015 at home. He was born Feb. 24, 1931, in Connellsville, a son of the late William and Josephine (Bartholomai) Hartz. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church. Chappie was a 1949 graduate of Connellsville High School. He enjoyed all sports, especially baseball, where he played as catcher.

Chappie was the first All State ballplayer in the American Legion from Connellsville. Chappie's catcher skills allowed him to play professional baseball for two years with the Detroit Tigers. He was also well known for having served as an umpire for the Legion and Fay West Baseball Leagues for 35 years.

Following his time playing baseball, Chappie received LUTC training and became a Life Insurance Agent with American General for over 20 years. He served three four-year terms as a Connellsville City Councilman. Chappie was a life member of New Haven Hose Fire Co. He was a former [Rotarian](#), Carnegie Free Library Board, and City Health Board member. Chappie helped form the Connellsville Community Ambulance Service in the 1970s. For 21 years, Chappie served as District Justice for District 14-1-02. In his spare time, Chappie enjoyed walking along the Yough River, and feeding the ducks with his friends, Ralph and Bucky. Chappie is survived by, and married his high school sweetheart, Laverne M. (Harris) Hartz on Jan. 6, 1951; a son, Charles F. Hartz Jr. and wife, Tracey; five daughters, Linda Moreland and husband, Joseph, Carla Mahaven and husband, Douglas, Maureen Kurp, Christine Bozio and husband, Ronald, Heather Hartz and fiance, Derek DeJong; grandchildren, Joseph Moreland, Jaki Swaney and husband, Jeremy, James Shope and wife, Christini, Jeffrey Shope, Stephanie McCloy and husband, Michael, Ryan Bozio, Lauren Hop and husband, Eric, Seth Hartz, and Anna Hartz; great-grandchildren, Kaden Loveradge, Madelyn Sweeney, Kalie Shope, Madison Caruso, Maxson McCloy and Carson Hop; brothers, Frank Ernesty and wife, Emily, Harold "Snipe" Hartz and wife, Charlotte, Clyde R. Hartz, and John R. Hartz and wife, Beverly. In addition to his parents, Chappie was predeceased by two sisters, Agatha Albert and Patricia Wilson; three brothers, William Hartz Jr., James "Pete" Hartz and Joseph Hartz.

Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday in the VITO C. MARTUCCI FUNERAL HOME, 123 S. First St., West Side, Connellsville (724-628-9033). A blessing service will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday in the funeral home followed by a funeral Mass at 9:30 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Church. Interment will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. New Haven Hose Co. will hold a ritual at 7 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

To sign the online guest registry, visit our website at www.martuccifuneralhome.com.

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