

James D. Rentschler

James D Rentschler, Sr, “Jim” 84, widower of Marguerite “Peg” (Seitler) Rentschler , formally of Spring City and Parkerford, died Thursday evening 10/27 in Manatawny Manor.

He was born in Phoenixville to the late Clarence and the late Elizabeth (Gotshall) Rentschler.

He worked as a bartender and later The Steward for Liberty Fire Company Social Hall for close to 40 years.

Jim started his working career as a teenager at Eddie Willauer’s Food Market in Spring City as a stock and delivery boy.

He also set bowling pins at the Liberty Fire Company.

A graduate of the former Spring City High School in 1949, where he lettered in four sports, he went on to Pennington Preparatory School in New Jersey for a year, and was signed by the Chicago White Sox minor league. He umpired and coached little league, and played softball for the Liberty team. He was an avid golfer and bowler, and bowled a 300 game in 1993 at The Liberty Fire Company.

James is survived by his daughter Pam, wife of Ed Brown of Parkerford; with whom he resided with since 2011 before going to Manatawny Manor in July, 2016. He is survived by three sisters, Ruth Heller of Ohio, Pat Howe of Colorado, and Janice McCambridge of New Jersey; a brother Richard Rentschler of Spring City and a grandson, Eddie Brown of Royersford, who was his only grandchild and a big part of his life.

In addition to his spouse and parents, he is predeceased by his son, James, Jr. and a brother Clarence Rentschler, and a sister, Jean Yeager.

Friends and relatives are invited to attend his funeral service at Shalkop Grace & Strunk Funeral Home, 135 Bridge St. Spring City, PA on Wednesday, November 2 at 10:00. A visitation will be held at the funeral home on Tuesday evening at the funeral home from 6:30 to 8:00 PM and on Wednesday, November 2, from 9:30 to 10:00 AM. Burial will follow the funeral services at The Valley Forge Gardens, King of Prussia, PA