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**Claude L. Kellmer Jr.**



Claude L. Kellmer Jr., 71, of Center Street, Hanover section of Nanticoke, passed away shortly after midnight on Monday morning, Jan. 11, 2016, at the Celtic Hospice in-patient unit at Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre.

Born at home in Mountain Top on Aug. 2, 1944, he was the son of the late Claude L. and Mildred (Bennett) Kellmer Sr. He was raised in Mountain Top and attended the former Fairview High School.

Claude served his country with the U.S. Air Force for four years from 1963 until 1967. He was stationed as an Air Policeman in Strategic Air Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska, during the [Vietnam War](#) and was honorably discharged in 1967. He attained the rank of Airman 1st class and was awarded the Strategic Air Command Ribbon and National Defense Service Medal.

On April 12, 1968, he married Diana Border. Earlier in life they resided in Philadelphia and Delaware, before returning to this area.

Claude was employed in finance until 1972 when he began his career with CertainTeed, Mountain Top. He retired in 2006 after 34 years of service.

He was a member of Nebo Baptist Church and American Legion Post #781, Mountain Top. Claude loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter and fisherman, a dedicated golfer and was always up for a game of horseshoes. He also enjoyed bowling, dancing and playing cards and games with his family and friends. He will especially be remembered for his sense of humor and zest for life and will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Surviving is his wife of 47 years, Diana; three children, Tracy Kellmer and husband, Darnay Campbell, Philadelphia; David Kellmer and wife, Janette, Mountain Top; and Jennifer Ann Kellmer, Kingston; his granddaughter, Kylie Kellmer, Mountain Top, whom he greatly enjoyed spoiling; a sister, Edna Swartwood, formerly of Mountain Top; a niece and nephews.

A Memorial service will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. at Nebo Baptist Church, 75 S. Prospect St., Nanticoke, with Pastor Timothy G. Hall, officiating.

Visitation for family and friends will be Saturday from 2 p.m. until the time of the service at the church. A fellowship reception will follow the service and all are welcome.

Arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Dinelli Funeral Home, 170 E. Broad St., Nanticoke.



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