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**John Franklin Garren Jr.**

John Franklin Garren Jr., 88, of Mountain Top, died Saturday, April 8, 2017.

He was the son of the late Jenny Messersmith Garren and John F. Garren Sr., both of Mountain Top. He was born in Laurel Run, Wilkes-Barre, on June 26, 1928. He and his wife, Shirley Ann Morgan Garren celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary on Oct. 24, 2016.

John was a member of Christ United Methodist Church in Mountain top. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War where he served as a paratrooper in the 11th Airborne. He was employed with Sun Oil Company in Marcus Hook for 28 years before returning to Mountain Top where he owned and operated the J&S hoagie shop with his wife Shirley for 20 years.

John was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

John loved the outdoors, enjoyed hunting, fishing and boating and especially enjoyed spending time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He belonged to the Masonic Lodge 442 in Wilkes-Barre, the Shrine Club, Wilkes-Barre, the Irem Temple, Dallas, the Bloomsburg Consistory, Turkey Federation, Red Rock Chapter, American Legion Post 0781 Mountain Top and the Susquehanna River Watch. He was also a white water guide in White Haven for a few years.

He was preceded in death by Garren sons, Leonard John Garren and Michael Garren; sisters, Dolores, Irene, Naomi, Elizabeth and Geraldine Alice (Nettie); brothers, Bill, James Garren; and step-brother, Thomas Markley.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, Shirley, are daughter, Diana Lynn Garren, Georgia; sons, John Garren and wife, Gayla, Dingmans Ferry; Daniel Garren and Lori, Florida; Keith Garren and wife, Michele, Mountain Top; and Jonathon Garren and wife, Lisa, Georgia; brother, Harvey Garren, Mountain Top; sisters, Darlene Sawicki, New Jersey; and Doris Ferry, Wilkes-Barre. John has 17 grandchildren, LeeAnn, Jonathan Jr., Matthew, Eric, Amanda, Keith Jr., Christopher, Shane, Stephanie, Lauralei, Daniel Jr., Kristina, Matt and Michelle. He also has 12 great-grandchildren, Kodie, Chantel, Slade, Timothy, Hunter, Bentley, Aria, Alea, Ethan, Ashley, Brock and Robert; and also several nieces and nephews whom he loved very much. He will be sadly missed by many.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at McCune Funeral Home, Mountain Top. Visitation service will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday. The Rev. JP Bohanan, pastor, will officiate. Interment will be in Alberts Cemetery, Mountain Top.

**Funeral Home****McCune Funeral Service - Mountain Top**

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