
Robert T. Derwin

Robert T. Derwin, 76, of Mountain Top passed away peacefully at home Saturday, Aug. 22, 2015, surrounded by his family.

Born April 17, 1939, in Larksville, he was the son of the late Harry A. Derwin and Helen Repasky Derwin. He graduated from Larksville High School in 1956.

Robert served his country and state honorably as a veteran of the [Korean War](#) in the U.S. [Army](#) and as a Pennsylvania State Police trooper. He was a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard, 109th Field Artillery, Kingston, prior to his enlistment in the U.S. Army. He was trained as a military policeman at Fort Dix and later transferred to a United Nations military base, serving with the 8th Army at Panmunjom on the DMZ.

After honorably being discharged, he entered the Pennsylvania State Police in 1960. Upon graduation from the Pennsylvania State Police Academy at Hershey, he was assigned to Carlisle Station and later to Chambersburg Station. He then transferred to Troop P in Wyoming and then was assigned to the Shickshinny Substation until his retirement.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 45 years, Elaine (Smith) Derwin, and a sister, Alice (Derwin) Kruzel.

He is survived by a son, Robert and his wife, Jill Marie; a daughter, Marcia; and a son, Christopher. He also had twin granddaughters, Venessa and Kayleigh, and several nieces and nephews.

Robert was a member of St. Jude's Church; Knights of Columbus 6440; and American Legion Mountain Post 781, where he served as adjutant for several years. He also was a member of [Veterans of Foreign Wars](#) Post 6615, AMVETS Post 253 of White Haven and Fraternal Order of Police Frank Albert Lodge 43.

Family and friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. Wednesday in St. Jude's Church, 420 S. Mountain Blvd. (Route 309), Mountain Top.

Interment will be in Albert Cemetery, Wright Township.

Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Nat & Gawlas Funeral Home, 89 Park Ave., Wilkes-Barre.

He was honored and respected by many and will be sadly missed.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to any of the following organizations: American Legion Post 781, White Haven VFW, Catholic War Vets, Union County Sportsman Club or Cpl. Bryon K. Dickson II Memorial Fund.

Online condolences may be sent by visiting Robert's obituary at www.natandgawlasfuneralhome.com.

**Funeral Home****Nat & Gawlas Funeral Home**

89 Park Ave Wilkes Barre, PA 18702
(570) 825-3138

Published in Citizens' Voice on Aug. 25, 2015
