

Paul Leo Lasut

LASUT – Paul Leo, 84, Cairnbrook, went to his eternal rest April 30, 2008, at Windber Hospital. Born Sept. 10, 1923, in Emeigh, Pa., son of John and Catherine (Shelko) Lasut. Preceded in death by parents; wife, Anna (Russell); infant brother, Joseph; brothers, John Jr., Rudy, John Suchian, Stanley and Thomas; sisters, Marie, Julianna and Agnes; and sister-in-law, Betty Russell. Survived by children, Paul, married to the former Betsy Yaskola, and Diana, wife of Ronald Halkovich. Loving “Grampy” to Nathan, Justin and Megan Lasut, Amy (Chad) Stigers and Heather (Michael) Kabala. Also survived by great-grandsons, Mason Kabala and Cooper Stigers, the apples of his eye; sister, Madeline Mauger; brother, Frank (Mary Ann); sisters-in-law, Doris (John), Catherine (Rudy), Nina (Stanley) and Fern (Thomas); numerous nieces and nephews; and special family friend, Helen Halkovich. He began working in the coal mine at age 16. Proud USMC veteran of World War II, having served in the Pacific Theater. Returned home to “#2” to marry his loving “Anka” and continued to work in various mines in the area for 40 years. Member of UMWA Local 6410. Served as a delegate at the 1971 District No. 2 UMWA Convention in New York. Early member of PNA Lodge 1878. Past member of American Legion Post 449, Central City VFW 7457 and Shade and Central City sportsmen’s clubs. After retirement, Paul could be found in his vegetable garden picking berries, or walking in the woods to find mushrooms for Christmas Eve Holy Supper. Perhaps, most important was the time spent with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren passing on family traditions. Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. Friday at Mulcahy Funeral Home, Central City, where vigil will be prayed at 8 p.m. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Saturday at Our Lady Queen of Angels Catholic Church, Father Maurizio, celebrant. Committal, Sacred Heart of Jesus Cemetery. Graveside military rites by Central City American Legion Post 449. Friends who wish may make contributions to the parish building fund in Paul’s memory.