

POLLOCK - Edward J. "Eddie Valentine," 93, Friedens, formerly of Central City, went to be with the Lord Feb. 5, 2011, at UPMC St. Margaret's. Born March 9, 1917, son of Michael and Mary (Valentine) Pollock. Preceded in death by parents; wives, Christine (Sega), Pauline Zelma (Lewis) and Ruby (Rummel); son, Edward R.; son-in-law, Ronald Andersen; brothers, William, Andrew, Michael, Joseph and Charlie; and sisters, Helen and Margaret. Survived by daughter, Carol Andersen, Strasburg; sons, William J., and wife, Pauline, Central City; and Mark E., and wife, Gloria, Greensburg; daughter-in-law, Rita Pollock, Friedens; good friend, Ron Petrina; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. Growing up through the Great Depression, Ed learned the value of hard work. His career spanned 20 years of "pick and shovel" work in an underground coal mine, followed by various construction jobs, where he helped build many of the bridges and tunnels in Pennsylvania. He eventually ran his own timbering and sawmill business until retirement. Ed was a passionate outdoorsman and spent many of his free hours hunting, trapping, fishing and roaming the mountains of Pennsylvania in search of ginseng. In his mid-years, he was very active with various sportsmen's clubs and served as Clean Streams chairman of the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen, always trying to improve opportunities for other sportsmen. Ed's real passion in life was for country music. Known to his fans as "Eddie Valentine," much of his life was spent entertaining on stage, radio and TV. The highlight of his music career was starring on the weekly "Galen Richey Show," which aired on WJAC-TV in 1971. Friends will be received from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at Mulcahy Funeral Home, Central City. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday at Our Lady Queen of Angels Chapel, formerly St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Father Maurizio. Committal, St. John the Baptist Cemetery.