JAMES ARTHUR NITZ

James Arthur Nitz has gone home to be with his Lord on August 9, 2005, at the dawning of a new day. James triumphed in life, yet courageously lost his battle with cancer. Jim leaves behind his loving wife of 48 years, Ruth Rudy of Lebannon, PA, whom he met while attending the U.S. Naval Academy, their son, Keith and his wife Karla, and grand children, Karis, Caroline, and James, his namesake, who live in Tennessee, and their daughter Kim Nitz and his twin grandsons, Sean and Liam, living in New Jersey. Jim was born in Troy, NY, on March 11, 1937, the son of Arthur and Ruth Nitz. He is survived by a sister Lynda and her family who resides in Lake George and his brother Richard and his family live in Troy.

Jim was an active member of the community, volunteering for various civic organizations. For 28 years, Jim was in the choir and a dedicated member of First United Methodist Church, Palmyra, PA.

Until the time of retirement, Jim worked at Mellon Bank also for 28 years. Jim was a mason and a member of the Hershey Shrine Club.

For five years before his illness, he and his wife were fulltime RVers and traveled the back roads of America discovering the beauty of this great country. Jim was a special person and one of a kind. He was a loving, dedicated husband, a wonderful father and the best grandpa a kid could ever have. James was dearly loved by all who knew him and will be remembered for his upbeat personality, his kindness, warmth and the respect he showed to all. He will forever hold a special place in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing him and the many lives he touched throughout his life, forever leaving his footprints on our souls.

The interment took place at Fort Indian Town Gap.

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