



Edward J. Lahr

January 18, 1924 - February 5, 2013

Edward J. Lahr, 89 of Clarion, passed away Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at his home.

Born January 18, 1924 in Lucinda; he was the son of Frank X. and Theresa B. Hufner Lahr.

He was married on September 24, 1946 to the former Marie B. Smith, who survives him.

Ed was a decorated WWII veteran who served in the U.S. Navy as a flight engineer from 1941 to 1947. His was lost at sea for 3 days after his plane was shot down in the South Pacific. While in the Navy, Ed fought the Golden Gloves in Chicago, he was an avid hunter & fisherman who loved spending time at his camp at Kinzua.

He worked for the Clarion Borough Police Department for 27 years and served as Chief of Police, where he retired from in 1981.

Ed was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church in Clarion and a member of the American Legion Post 66 of Clarion. Ed was also a past member of the Clarion Fire Department for many years.

In addition to his wife Marie, he is survived by four children, Steven J. Lahr and his wife, Susan, of Powder Springs, GA; Bernard C. Lahr and his wife, Kathy, of Brunswick, GA; Rita J. Over and her husband, Joe, of Clarion and Susie Lahr of Mechanicsburg, PA; five grandchildren, Jason Lahr (Krista Hoefle) of South Bend, IN; Melissa Lahr of Atlanta, GA; Stephanie Kerse (Ryan) of Dallas, GA; Rikki Over of Sewickley, PA and Renee Miller (Matt) of McGuire AFB, NJ; and two great grandsons Gabe Kerse and Carsten Miller. He is also survived by two sisters, Dorothy Glosser of Youngstown, OH and Agnes Weir of Williamsport, PA; two sister-in-laws, Shirley Lahr, Shippenville and Lois Lahr, New Castle.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a son, Richard E. Lahr; three brothers, Andrew V. Lahr, Charles E. Lahr, James F. Lahr; and five sisters, Mary Plyler, Sister Genevive Lahr, OSB, Philamino Burge, Helena Drayer and Thecla Drayer.

Family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. on February 7, 2013, at the Robert V. Burns Funeral, 638 Wood Street, Clarion PA 16214. Christian wake service will be held at 3:45 p.m. on Thursday, February 7, 2013, in the funeral home.

Military honors will be accorded by American Legion Post 66 at 10:15 a.m. on Friday, February 8, 2013, at the funeral home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 am on Friday, February 8, 2013, at the Immaculate Conception Church in Clarion with the Rev. Monty Sayers presiding.

Interment will be held in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be sent to the Clarion Forest VNA, Inc. at 271 Perkins Road, Clarion, PA 16214.

Tribute Wall

DS

“ I am truly honored to be serving in the same Navy as Uncle Ed once did. It was a privilege hearing his stories and being in his company. The Lahr reunions were always a blast!
Love- "Val's Little Girl"

Diane Sunday - February 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Our deepest condolences for your loss. Ed's Brother, Jim, married my father's 1st cousin, Shirley Parsons. Aunt Shirley introduced my parents. As a child we would visit with relatives in PA and with Uncle Jim and Aunt Shirley and played with their children.

Patrick & Barbara Henry - February 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ Dear Marie and Family,
My deepest sympathy for your loss. I am praying for all of you. In Friendship, Lyn Nesbitt..Golden Living Clarion

Lyn Nesbitt - February 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ To the Lahr family this is a time to celebrate Ed's great life and cherish the time you were able to spend with him. Times like these are difficult. With time things do get better. The memories will never leave.

Tim Buns - February 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ We were so sorry to hear of Ed's passing. As many have said, much more eloquently than I, Ed was a wonderful person and an great example of how wonderful a powerful man can be. Our heartfelt condolences to Marie and family. We are sure George and Dot were right there to welcome Ed through the Golden Gates :)

Barry & Georgette Grimm - February 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Ed's passing. I wanted so much to talk to Steve and Bernie, but I came down with the flu. Everett would always tell us when we were hunting down behind the cemetery and run into Ed, we did not have to worry about Ed. Again my condolences for your loss. Cherish the memories.

Randy Byers - February 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ So sorry for your loss. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Your Kansas friends, Jim and Kathleen Barth

Jim and Kathleen Barth - February 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Dear Lahr Clan,

With the passing of Uncle Ed we see the last of the great patriarchs of the Frank & Theresa Lahr dynasty go to the great beyond. I always admired these great men and their sisters of the Greatest Generation and most fondly recall our family reunions at Aunt Mary's camp near Cooks Forest. Uncle Ed was a stalwart attendee of these meetings and imparted much wisdom about life and the outdoors to any of the younger generations who would take the time to listen.

After the family reunions ended my father James told me that Uncle Ed bemoaned the fact that the younger generations of the Lahr family tree had dispersed so far and wide that many do not know the others. It is a sad fact of modern life that what he observed is true—a shortcoming that my generation only now recognizes. We shall miss Uncle Ed's presence and only take solace in the fact that he knew as an outdoorsman that we as beings of this earth are all subject to the machinations of the life cycle. If there is a Happy Hunting Ground I know the Lahr Boys are all together there now chasing wild critter spirits and enjoying the camaraderie of camp life in spirit.

*Respectfully,
Robert A. Lahr*

Robert A. Lahr - February 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ We were so sorry to hear of Ed's passing, please know our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Ben & Debbie Call - February 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *The Lahr Family,*

*We are both so deeply saddened to hear of the loss of Chief Ed.
Our hearts are with all of you in this time of sorrow.*

*Hold tight to memories for comfort, lean on your friends for strength,
and always remember how much you are cared about.*

With our Deepest Sympathy,

Sergio (Joe) and Carol Adame

Carol and Sergio Adame - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM