



George H. Champion

May 12, 1935 - November 1, 2025

George H. Champion, age 90, of Strattanville, passed away early Saturday morning, November 1, 2025 at his home.

He was born on May 12, 1935, at his current home in Strattanville, where he lived his entire life. George was the youngest of six children to the late Joseph and Ella Hamler Champion, and was the last surviving member.

He was a 1953 graduate of Clarion-Limestone High School.

George married the love of his life, Betty L. Centorcelli, on July 31, 1965. They shared fifty-nine years together until her passing at the beginning of this year on January 28, 2025.

He worked at the Owens-Illinois Glass Plant in Clarion as a mold inspector, retiring after forty-two years.

George was a history buff, and his intelligence regarding the Civil War was astounding. He loved visiting Gettysburg and was always more knowledgeable than the tour guide. He was a wise and quiet man with a great sense of humor. George also enjoyed carpentry, building various projects, and took pride in mowing his grass.

He is survived by his two daughters, Kathy Wise and her husband, Kirke, of Strattanville, and Karen Wells and her husband, Dave, of Corsica; five grandchildren, Adam Wise of Strattanville, Aaron Wise and his wife, Dani, of Clarion, Alicia Morsman of Texas, Brianna Burkhardt Massad and her husband, Samuel, also of Texas, and Alex Wells and his wife, Cassandra, of Limestone; and four great-grandchildren, Brayden Morsman and Bristol,

Logan, and Wyatt Burkhardt all of Texas; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by one sister and four brothers.

Family and friends will be received from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home in Clarion where funeral services will follow at 1:30 p.m. with Rev. Mike Shreckengost, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Limestone, presiding.

Interment will take place beside his loving wife at the Cedarview Memorial Park in Strattanville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in George's honor to the Strattanville Volunteer Fire Company, PO Box 93, Strattanville, PA 16258, or to the Clarion Hospital EMS, 1 Hospital Drive, Clarion, PA 16214, for their prompt care for George and Betty.

Cemetery Details

Cedarview Memorial Park

1923 Fisher Road
Strattanville, PA 16258

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV 4. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Robert V. Burns Funeral Home
638 Wood Street
Clarion, PA 16214
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Service

NOV 4. 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Robert V Burns Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of George H. Champion*



Robert V Burns Funeral Home - November 03, 2025 at 04:27 PM

MB

“ I want to give my thanks to George, a quiet man who I happened to meet one morning while he was out on his morning walk along the road down to the mouth of Mill Creek.

I was there to check on the activities that were going on at an abandoned mine site where a proposed reclamation project to address an acid mine drainage flow was under consideration.

I found that George had been puzzled by things that he had been hearing in the local news, so whenever I first started to formally monitoring the flow, George took it upon himself to start taking daily readings, that he then provided me regularly.

I know that in my files from that period I have hundreds of little 3x5 notepad pages that George had carefully recorded as a volunteer monitor.

George will be remembered by me, and many others for his involvement throughout this period of time.

So, I want to give George my thanks for his willingness to make a difference in this world.

Sincerely, Michael Butler.



Michael Butler - November 05, 2025 at 08:51 AM

KW

Thank you so much !

kathy wise - November 06, 2025 at 03:47 PM

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Thank you for the kind words about my dad. He was a wonderful dad and person and he will be greatly missed.

Karen Wells - November 10, 2025 at 04:56 PM



“ 86 files added to the album LifeTributes



Robert V Burns Funeral Home - November 03, 2025 at 03:45 PM



“ John Kurtiak lit a candle in memory of George Champion



John Kurtiak - November 03, 2025 at 06:43 AM



“ George was always a go getter never slowed down he was a awesome fellow we all loved him our hole family from the Deemer’s now Blake

Tammy Blake - November 02, 2025 at 07:39 PM



Thank you !

kathy wise - November 06, 2025 at 03:50 PM

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“ Kathy, Karen, and family, I extend my deepest sympathy. George was an amazing, caring man. It was always a joy eating meals together, but most of all having him return thanks. He knew how to say grace and pray. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. 🙏



Lynn Fulton - November 02, 2025 at 05:50 PM

KW

Thank you ! He enjoyed your company !

kathy wise - November 06, 2025 at 03:50 PM