



## Melvin E. Leadbetter

August 15, 1927 - June 30, 2009

Melvin E. Leadbetter, 81, of Rehobeth Road, Strattanville, died Tuesday, June 30, 2009, at the Golden Living Center in Clarion.

Born August 15, 1927, in Strattanville, he was the son of Merlin L. "Merle" and Madelene Eberly Leadbetter.

Mr. Leadbetter was a veteran of World War II, serving with the Army.

He was married on September 26, 1953 to the former Elizabeth "Betty" Smith, who preceded him in death on April 17, 1999.

Mr. Leadbetter was a heavy equipment operator for the Local 66 Operating Engineers.

He was currently a Clarion Township Supervisor.

Mr. Leadbetter was of the Protestant faith.

He was a member of the VFW and Eagles of Clarion, American Legion of Strattanville, and International Union of Operating Engineers.

Mr. Leadbetter enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, socializing with friends,

and tinkering in his shop.

He is survived by his three grandchildren, Jason A. Rhoades and wife, Kristie, of Clarion; Carmen M. Rhoades of Texas; Dixil Daugherty and husband, Dan, of Colorado; six great-grandchildren, Daniel Rhoades of Strattanville; Andrianna, Erica, and Brady Daugherty all of Colorado; and McKenzie and Skyler Rhoades of Clarion; and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by two daughters, Patsy Brooks and Carol Ann Rhoades; two brothers, Merlin and David Allen Leadbetter; and two sisters, Shirley Armagost Seigworth and Roma F. Goheen.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, July 10, 2009, at the New Rehobeth Greenville Presbyterian Church Cemetery with Rev. James Dietrich, pastor of the New Rehobeth Greenville Presbyterian Church, officiating.

Robert V. Burns Funeral Home in Clarion is charge of the arrangements.

Memorials can be made to the New Rehobeth Greenville Presbyterian Church, Rehobeth Road, Clarion PA 16214.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Your family is in my prayers. May God bless.*

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**Ruth Kitchen Barr** - July 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Sorry to here about Melvin, He was a great Man. Always ready to sit and talk, about anything, hunting fishing gardening, what ever was on his mind. He will be greatly missed.*

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**Jackie Work** - July 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *to the leadbetter family  
we are so sorry for your loss,melvin was always good to ken and i  
and we will remember him...*

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**ken&sharon neiswonger** - July 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM