

Herbert A. Michaels Sr.



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Herbert Michaels Obituary

Herbert Albin Michaels Sr., 91, of Jeannette, died peacefully Thursday, Sept. 15, 2016, surrounded by family members at the William Penn Senior Care Suites in Jeannette. He

was the loving father of Cecilia (Chuck) Melnyk, Helen Michaels, Beverly (William) Venturella, Ruth Ann Dobnak and Charles Ellis (Elyse) Michaels; devoted and adoring grandfather of 14; cherished great-grandfather of seven; beloved brother of David (Rose) Michaels; also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and other family, as well as an abundance of friends. Herb was preceded in death by his parents; by his first wife, Edna Pearl (Richardson); his second wife, Lucille (Andrews); his eldest son, Herbert Jr.; and 10 brothers and sisters.

Born and raised in Beaverdale, Cambria County, he was the son of Ellis and Cecilia (Chirdon) Michaels. He graduated Beaverdale High School in 1943. An avid sports fan and fiercely competitive, during high school he played on the baseball, football and basketball teams, and ran track. It is difficult to list all of the activities and achievements of someone like Herbert who loved life as much as Dad did. Herbert proudly served in the Army Air Corps in World War II as an aviation cadet, having been stationed in Alabama and Amarillo, Texas. After his discharge, he married his high school sweetheart, Edna, and used the GI Bill to be the first member of his family to go to college. He attended Lock Haven College, graduating in two years (with the help of his wife) and became a high school chemistry teacher.

He taught in Johnstown and Wellsboro before teaching at East McKeesport, Westinghouse Memorial and Gateway high schools. His children often took delight remembering the days he'd come home with burn marks on his tie and shirt from experiments gone awry. Herb also coached the Gateway High School baseball team for many years, taking the team to the state championship in 1971.

He also worked for many years as a part-time police officer in East McKeesport, and during summer breaks from school teaching he drove trucks for Allied Moving Vans. Following his retirement from teaching, he continued to work as a driver and attendant at a local funeral home. Herbert enjoyed the outdoors, and especially enjoyed raising beagles for rabbit hunting. He was an avid vegetable gardener and was well-known for his tomatoes. He was associated for many years with the former Great Valley Flea Market in North Versailles.

A lifetime Catholic, he served as an usher for many years at St. Robert Bellarmine Church in East McKeesport, and later served as Eucharistic minister at Sacred Heart Church in Jeannette. He helped with their yearly Lenten Fish Fry. Herb was a proud member and past district commander of American Legion Post 334. He was instrumental in the formation of their chapter of the Sons of the American Legion. Herb was also a member of the Jeannette Knights of Columbus.

Arrangements by JOBE FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY INC. As per his wishes, there will be no visitation. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, Herbert enjoyed serving disabled vets at the picnic organized each year by the Sons of the American Legion. If so desired, donations in his memory may be sent to Sons of the American Legion Post 344, 109 S. Fifth St., Jeannette, PA

15644, to continue to support the picnic. The family wishes to acknowledge their gratitude and thanks for the gentle and loving care Dad received from the staff at the William Penn Senior Care Center, and from the staff of the Aspera Hospice Agency.

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