



Fred A. Place

September 28, 1928 - October 1, 2015

Fred A. Place, 87, formerly of 1 Western Ave. Towanda, PA passed away peacefully at the Skilled Nursing Unit of Guthrie Memorial Hospital, Towanda on October 1, 2015. Born September 29, 1928 at the family home in Monroeton, PA he was the youngest of eight children of Fred W. and Daisy Northrup Place. While at Towanda High School, Fred excelled in football and baseball and most notably the baseball team lost only one game from his freshman through senior seasons. After high school graduation, he served in the Army which included service in post-World War II Japan. Fred then attended Wyoming Seminary for a year where he met Florence Satterley, a young music teacher at the school. On October 5, 1951 he married Florence, the love of his life, and the couple celebrated 57 years of marriage until her passing on April 21, 2008. After graduating from Mansfield State Teachers College, Fred worked at GTE Sylvania in Towanda for 39 years until his retirement in 1989. In 1958, he received an award for a suggestion he placed at the plant and until that time it was the highest award ever presented. While at GTE, he sang in the well-known Sylvania Men's Chorus and his wife Florence served as the director. Always with a keen sense of humor, Fred quipped that the only reason he was not fired at GTE was because his wife was the chorus director! Active in Little League and Boy Scouts he was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Towanda for over 50 years where he held many lay positions through the years. For many years Fred owned a very successful water softener business. He and his close friend and

partner/driver Paul DeWitt spent countless hours in cold damp cellars but loved their customers. Possessing a unique mind, Fred could fix almost anything and loved tinkering out in his garage. In addition, he was a member of the Towanda Lions Club in excess of 50 years and was the recipient of the prestigious Melvin Jones Award. Fred loved watching football, hunting and spending time at his Monroeton cabin. He especially enjoyed watching grandsons Nick and Zach participate in sports. He is survived by his sons, Dr. Fred Place and Dr. Robert Place and wife Jody, grandchildren, Freddie, Nick and Zach, step grandchildren, Mark Cantellops, Mike Cantellops and wife Melissa, sister and brother-in-law, Vida and Art Spengler as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his daughter-in-law, Diane Place on March 1, 2015, parents, Fred W. and Daisy Northrup Place, sisters, Ruth, Julia, and Amy and brothers, Wayne, Dean and Gordon. The family expresses their deepest gratitude to the entire staff of the Skilled Nursing Unit for their exceptional care.

A memorial service will be held Monday, October 12, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Court St. Towanda, PA. Towanda American Legion Post No. 42 will accord military honors at the church. Interment will be private in Oak Hill Cemetery, Towanda, PA. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that contributions may be directed to the First Presbyterian Church, 5 Court St., Towanda, PA 18848 the Florence Place Memorial Scholarship Fund of the Towanda Area School District Foundation, High School Drive, Towanda, PA 18848 or to a charitable organization of one's choice in Fred's memory. The Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home of Towanda, PA is assisting Fred's Family with service arrangements. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Service

OCT **12**. 4:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
5 Court Street
Towanda, PA 18848

Tribute Wall



“ Fred A. Place

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ Fred A. Place

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ Fred A. Place

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ Fred A. Place

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ Fred A. Place

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM

KL

“ I share a memory with Fred and sons Fred and Rob that I will always cherish. We were hunting on adjacent property separated by the Towanda Creek. We heard a lot of gunfire as we were having lunch at the Bucktail Hunting Club in Powell. The gunfire was located just across the Creek and many deer were visible from the cabin. I went over to discuss the success with the Hunters who were Fred, Fred Jr. and Rob. I was pretty sure that the Place's emptied their rifles trying to shoot the herd of deer that they saw. They had no success but we decided to hunt together and later Fred Jr. shot a doe. I promptly started dressing out the doe to the Place's amazement. My Dad Ed was a butcher for years and it was second nature to me so I didn't hesitate. We have always laughed about that hunt.

Keith Long - October 10, 2015 at 07:57 AM



“ One of the best dads while growing up. The football games in the Place back yard were great fun. Fred would offer compliments on kids play etc. I always enjoyed going to the Place home and talking with Mr. Place. Great memories of a very nice man. Condolences to the family. Donnie Munkittrick

Donald Munkittrick - October 07, 2015 at 08:57 PM

HD

“ Fred and Rob,

I know it is hard to lose a parent no matter what your age. I would like to extend my sympathy to you for your loss. I always enjoyed being around your father. Unfortunately, I am scheduled to be out of town next Monday and will miss the services.

My sincere regards,

Henry Dunn

Henry Dunn - October 06, 2015 at 08:50 AM

VH

“ Dear Robert, Fred and families,

Please accept our sincere condolences and know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.

*May God Bless,
Vance & Joyce Hinkson*

Vance & Joyce Hinkson - October 05, 2015 at 01:56 PM