



## Richard E. "Dick" Snell

September 21, 1925 - May 26, 2012

Richard E. "Dick" Snell, 86, former Mayor of Towanda Borough and Towanda Postmaster, passed away Saturday evening, May 26, 2012 at the Skilled Nursing Unit of Memorial Hospital in N. Towanda, PA.

"Dick" as he was known by his family and many friends was born in Towanda on September 21, 1925 the youngest of four children of Paul and Daisy Sill Snell.

He grew up in Towanda's First Ward, served as quarterback for the Towanda football team, and as student council president and junior class vice president. He graduated from Towanda High School in 1943 and subsequently joined the U.S. Army where he served first in the Army Specialized Training Program. In 1945, he shipped to Austria where he served as a radioman in K Company, 431st Infantry, 86th Division and later served in the Philippines at the end of World War II. Dick was the recipient of the Bronze Star Medal for bravery.

Following completion of his military service in April of 1946, Dick returned home to Towanda and was employed for two years at his father's store Lazarus Electric. In June of 1948, Dick started work part time at the Towanda Post Office as a clerk/carrier and served as city carrier for 10 years. On November 26, 1948 he married the former Catherine Hoffman. On June 28, 1958, he began serving as Towanda Postmaster and continued for over 29

years until his retirement in September of 1987. Dick served for one year on Towanda Borough Council as Vice President and also chaired the Recreation Board and served on the Finance and Administration Committees. He was elected Mayor of Towanda in 1989 holding the office for 20 years until his retirement in 2009.

Dick was always active in community affairs and during the 1950's was instrumental in establishing the Towanda Ambulance Association. He served as the association's first President, for 16 years as an ambulance board member and many years as a volunteer/driver. He was the recipient of the Ambulance Association's Meritorious Award in 1975 and was recognized for making 500 trips with the ambulance. Dick served as a Trustee of Memorial Hospital, Towanda for 30 years (1959-1989), holding positions of Secretary (1959-1982) and Treasurer (1982-1985). He served three terms as National President of the Postmasters Credit Union, Vice President for two years and Chairman of the promotion and education committee for three years.

Dick served as president of the Tri-County Postmaster Association (Bradford, Sullivan and Wyoming Counties) for two years. He served the Pennsylvania Chapter of NAPUS as county director for three years, as regional director for 3 years, and as Pennsylvania chapter secretary treasurer for three years. Dick assisted in forming the local Bradford-Sullivan Counties AARP Chapter and served as chapter treasurer.

He was a past commander and post adjutant of Towanda American Legion Post No. 42, past president of the WW II Last Man's Club, member and past director of the Towanda Country Club, charter member of Towanda Elks Lodge No. 2191, and was a member of Beirne-Webster VFW Post No. 1568, Towanda, Quarry Glen Club, Bridge Street Hill Rod and Gun Club, Towanda Gun Club and the Industrial Management Council.

Surviving are:

His wife of 63 years, Catherine "Kate" Snell at home

Children:

John R. Snell and wife Michele of Towanda

Linda K. Watkins and husband Stephen of Athens

Joseph A. Snell and wife Sacha of Towanda

James P. Snell of Towanda

8 Grandchildren: Emily Baer, Helen Santiago, Carrie Watkins-Smith, Casey Watkins, Jacob, Dustin, Haydan and Nadyah Snell.

5 Great Grandchildren: Mila Santiago, Brady Smith, Carson Smith, Griffin Smith and Ryan Watkins.

Numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother and sister-in-law, David and Marie Snell, sisters and brothers-in-law, Gladys and Russell Scott and Pauline and Lester Hawbaker.

The family will receive friends Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home 217 York Ave. Towanda, PA. The funeral service will be held Wednesday, May 30, 2012 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Edward Michelini, pastor of SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Towanda, officiating.

Interment will follow in Oak Hill Cemetery, Towanda, PA with Towanda American Legion Post No. 42 according full military honors.

The family will provide their own flowers and requests that contributions be directed to Memorial Emergency Medical Services, 1 Hospital Drive, Towanda, PA 18848 in Richard E. Snell's memory.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

100 Oak Street  
Towanda, PA 18848

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 29.** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home  
217 York Ave.  
Towanda, PA 18848  
(570) 265-2272  
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## Visitation

**MAY 29.** 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

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**MAY 30.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard E. "Dick" Snell*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Richard E. "Dick" Snell*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Richard E. "Dick" Snell*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Richard E. "Dick" Snell*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Richard E. "Dick" Snell*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *We are sorry for your loss and have you in our prayers.  
Joe & Michele Licata*

**Michele Licata** - May 30, 2012 at 06:47 AM