



Joseph H. McGown, Jr.

September 14, 1932 - December 27, 2023

Joseph H. McGown Jr., 91, departed this life on December 27, 2023. Joseph was born at home on September 14, 1932, to the late Joseph H. McGown Sr. and Margaret (Webb) McGown. He was married to the love of his life, Betty (Harrison) McGown, for over 71 years.

He was a graduate of Phoenixville High School, class of 1950. Joseph was drafted into the Army in 1953 during the Korean Conflict. After boot camp in Georgia, he was stationed in Camp Roeder in Austria for 2 years. While in the Army, he took electrical training and was responsible for communications. He was promoted to the rank of Corporal.

After his honorable discharge in 1955, Joseph worked various jobs until he began his 30-year career at Philadelphia Electric Company. He held multiple positions and worked in many different locations before landing in the Relay Department at the Limerick Power Plant. He retired in 1991. Joseph used his time in retirement to drive buses for Wolfington Bus Company. His favorite job there was taking the sports teams and band members to their special events.

Joseph is survived by his loving wife, Betty, daughter Diane, wife of Dennis Dixon (Honeybrook), son Todd, husband of Mary (Phoenixville), Grandsons Jason McGown (Phoenixville), Michael Layne (Phoenixville), Granddaughter Michelle Salamone (Worcester), Great-Granddaughters Natalie McGown,

Adriana Salamone, Great-Grandsons Anthony Salamone, Luca Salamone, nieces, nephews and cousins. Joseph was pre-deceased by his sister, Nancy (McGown) Simmons, and a Grandson Jeffrey McGown.

Joseph was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Phoenixville. He was a proud 50+ year member of the Masonic Lodge #75, a past officer of Phoenix Hose #1, a past Forest Fire Warden, a member of Valley Forge Fire Social Club, and a member of West End Fire Company. He enjoyed spending time with his family and trips to Hawaii. His love of flying included rides in a hot air balloon, a glider, various single engine planes, a Red Baron replica plane, and his favorite, parasailing over the ocean in Hawaii a few times.

There will be a visitation at the First United Methodist Church, 865 Main Street, Phoenixville, PA on Friday, January 5, 2024 from 9:30 am - 10:45 am. A masonic service will take place at 10:45 am, and the funeral service will follow at 11:00 am. Final interment will be in the Morris Cemetery, and will be held privately for the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be offered in his name to Phoenixville Area Community Services by visiting www.pacsphx.org. Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Phoenixville, PA. Condolences may be offered online by visiting www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Phoenixville
865 S. Main Street
Phoenixville, PA 19460

Memorial Service

JAN 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Phoenixville
865 S. Main Street
Phoenixville, PA 19460

Tribute Wall



“ Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph H. McGown, Jr.



Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home - December 31, 2023 at 11:38 AM

JK

“ So sorry to hear of your loss Betty. My deepest sympathy to you, Diane and your family.

Jeri Kracz - January 03, 2024 at 10:43 PM

RH

“ Rob & Barbara Harrison purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joseph H. McGown, Jr..



Rob & Barbara Harrison - January 03, 2024 at 05:59 PM

RH

“ Rob & Barbara Harrison planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph H. McGown, Jr..

Rob & Barbara Harrison - January 03, 2024 at 05:59 PM

AM

“ Joe was always so friendly and kind I really enjoyed working with him as a fellow school bus driver for Phoenixville school district. Rest in peace friend! My heart and prayers go out to his family

Angela Moore - December 29, 2023 at 11:09 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph H. McGown, Jr..



December 29, 2023 at 04:34 PM

SK

“ Joe was always one of the first people to show up at our home in Port Providence after a flood. Always willing to help out and always bought a smile to everyone. He was one of a kind . Our heartfelt sympathy to Betty, Diane, Todd and family. Sue and Dave Kells

Sue Kells - December 29, 2023 at 03:49 PM

CH

“ I worked with Joe for many years. Betty was an aide on my school bus back in the 70's for Pennhurst . Joe and I were long time friends and he will surely be missed.i tried to call him the 27th .



Charlotte Himes - December 29, 2023 at 11:37 AM

EW

“ *In 1991/92 I started working at West End Fire Co. Held many conversations with Joe and he even helped me to get my CDL class B so I could drive the new engine R I P Joe*

Ed Walters - December 29, 2023 at 08:24 AM