

## Obituary

**Born:** Sunday, December 28, 1924

**Died:** Monday, March 10, 2014

SHAMOKIN DAM — Harold E. “Bud” Diehl, 89, of King Avenue, passed away Monday, March 10, 2014, at his home.

He was born Dec. 28, 1924, in Point Township, a son of the late Mary (Geise) and Daniel Diehl.

Bud graduated from Northumberland High School in 1942. In all of his years away from the area he never missed an alumni banquet.

Following graduation Bud joined the Marine Air Wing Squadron. He was a radar operator when radar was first being used. He served in the Pacific and North China. After discharge he went to work for Continental Air in Midland, Texas. He worked in 17 different cities while working for Continental.

Bud retired to Northumberland in 1987 and spent many happy hours working at his beloved campground, Camp Shawnee along the river.

In 1997, after being a confirmed bachelor for 72 years he met “the right one”. He married June Kauffman and moved to Shamokin Dam. They spent many happy years traveling in their motor home to marine reunions and airline get togethers across the United States. Bud stayed in touch with all his many friends.

Bud was a proud Marine. He was president of the Marine Air Warning Squad II. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 44, the former Northumberland Veteran’s of Foreign Wars Post 8298, and of the Marine Care League.

He was a member of St. John’s Lutheran Church, Northumberland.

Bud inherited three daughters and their spouses, Brenda and David Herbert, Sue and Rick Krex, and Nancy and Fred Piermattei. He was also happy to have seven grandchildren, Mike and Sarah Herbert, Erin and Ray Hayes, Dana Piermattei, Tony Piermattei, Mark and Amber Piermattei, Lauren and Jason Smeltzer, Nathan Ferster and his fiancée Meghan Cooney. He loved his great-grandchildren, Luke, Eli, Hannah, Benjamin, Noah, Dagen, Hayley and Isla.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Christine Hummel, and niece, Mary D.

Friends and family may call from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday in St. John’s Lutheran Church, 300 Queen St., Northumberland, where the funeral will follow at 11 with the Rev. MarthaSue Moll officiating.

Burial with military honors accorded by the American Legion Post 44 will be in Riverview Cemetery, Northumberland.

Contributions in Bud’s memory can be made to St. John’s Lutheran Church, 300 Queen St., Northumberland, PA 17857, or to the American Cancer Society, 1420 N. Susquehanna Trail, Selinsgrove, PA 17870.

Arrangements are by the Joseph W. Epler Funeral Home, 210 King St., Northumberland.

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## Service Summary

### Visitation

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, Sat Mar 15, 2014

### St. John's Lutheran Church

300 Queen Street  
Northumberland, PA 17045

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### Funeral Service

11:00 AM Sat Mar 15, 2014

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