

Arthur B. Kline Jr.

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Arthur B. Kline, Jr., 73, of Williamsport, PA, passed away after a brief illness on Saturday, March 7, 2009, at the Mayo Clinic Hospital in Phoenix, AZ, while visiting friends. He was born on February 5, 1936, at the Williamsport Hospital, Williamsport, PA.

He graduated from Williamsport High School in 1954. He enlisted in the United States Army in December of 1954 and was honorably discharged in November of 1956. He graduated Summa Cum Laude from Lycoming College in 1958. He received the degree of Bachelor of Science with a double major in Business and Psychology, earning a secondary teaching certificate as well. He was inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi academic honor society in 1959.

He was employed at Piper Aircraft, formerly of Lock Haven and served as Human Resources Director at Little League, Inc., South Williamsport. Incidentally, he played baseball as a boy in the very first official Little League World Series Tournament, scoring the very first hit on record in the history of the series.

After retiring from Little League Baseball, Inc., in 2001, he volunteered with several area organizations. An accomplished computer expert, he was heavily involved in the Susquehanna Chapter of SeniorNet, serving as Chairman of the Advisory Board and as a computer class instructor. He served as Vice President of the South Williamsport Mummer's Parade. He frequently donated his time on Saturdays helping to staff the Lycoming County Visitor's Information Center. He was also a member of the Williamsport Community Theatre League, where he participated onstage and backstage.

His wife Jane was always at his side and the two of them shared the honor of being named Williamsport-Lycoming Chamber of Commerce Volunteers of the Year in 2002. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 27, 2008.

He was preceded in death by his father, Arthur B. Kline, Sr in 1968, and his mother, Madalene B. Kline in 1999. He is survived by his wife L. Jane Kline, Williamsport; his daughters, Karen Burd (Robert), Casper, WY, Alice Alt (Matthew), Mansfield, TX; three grandchildren, Kline, Micah, and Madeline Alt; his sister, Janet Green (Henry), South Williamsport; his brother, Kenneth, Williamsport; his nephew, David Green (Marilyn, deceased 1994), Williamsport; his niece, Sheri Shutt (Gene), Montoursville; his great nieces Richele Rupert, Williamsport, and Melanie Shutt, Montoursville; and two great nieces, Emily and Marcella Green, both of Williamsport.

Visitation will be Thursday, March 12, 2009 from 9-11 a.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 142 Market St., Williamsport. A memorial service will follow at 11 a.m. at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Susquehanna SeniorNet, c/o James V. Brown Library, the Community Theatre League, Williamsport, or St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Williamsport.