



Edward J. Harkins, Jr.

November 13, 2008

Edward J. Harkins, Jr., 84, of Elmer passed away on November 13, 2008 at the home of his daughter, Renee Blasko, in Washington Twp.

Born July 21, 1924 in New Brunswick, Mr. Harkins was predeceased by his wife Mary Hope in 2001, his parents Edward Sr. & Myrtle Harkins and a brother Kenneth..

A member of St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church, Ed has been the Deacon there for thirty plus years. Mr. Harkins was in fact a member of the first class of Deacons to graduate from the Camden Diocese and prior to coming to St. Ann's he had spent two years at Mt. Carmel in Berlin. Mr. Harkins had worked for and has since been retired from State Farm Insurance Company after thirty years of service. He had also served in the U.S. Army during the Second World War as a medic.

He is survived by his daughter, Renee Blasko and her husband Paul of Sewell, a sister Barbara Borup of Florida, three grandchildren, Eric Bonselaar, Christina Barker (Phillip) and Kelly Bonselaar, great grandchildren, Abbi, Sophie, Maren Hope and Issac Bonselaar, Brenden, Jacob, Grace and Anna Barker as well as Landon Bonselaar.

A viewing for Mr. Harkins will be held on Friday night, November 21, 2008 at St. Ann's R.C. Church, 115 Broad St., Elmer from 6:30 till 8:30pm and again Saturday, November 22nd, morning starting at 9:30am. A Mass of Christian Burial will be said following the viewing Saturday morning at 11am. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family.

The family has suggested that donations be made in Mr. Harkins memory to either the Covenant House, 346 West 17th St., New York, NY 10011 or the Marianist House, P. O. Box 488, Cape May Point, NJ 08212. www.adamsfuneralhome.org