



## William A. Roberts

September 13, 2008

William A. Roberts, 90, of Pittsgrove passed away on Saturday, September 13, 2008 at the Elmer Hospital. Mr. Roberts was the son of William B. and Irene (Moore) Roberts and prior to moving to Pittsgrove in 1990 he had lived in Elmer. He was a member of the Bridgeton High School graduating class of 1936 and in 1938 along with Edwin Jenkins purchased the Economy Store on Broad Street in Elmer. In 1940 he married his wife of 68 years, Eleanor A. Higbee and in 1942 they bought out there partner in the store. Mr. Roberts went into the U.S. Army in 1944 and served under General Patton's Third Army, 95th Division in Demark, France and Germany. It was in Germany on New Years Day 1945 that he was wounded and received the purple heart and was sent home.

He joined the Elmer Fire Department in 1943 and served as past chief and then the secretary for 26 years. In addition, he was a charter member to the Elmer Ambulance Corp. Serving as its first president and then the secretary for 26 years. Mr. Roberts was also a past member of the Salem County Police and Fire and Deputy Sheriff of Salem County.

Furthermore, he built Roberts Market in Elmer in 1955 and then leased it to A&P in 1968. He owned a franchise for Archway Cookies from 1968 to 1979, drove commercial ambulance for Cornell Transport and was a charter member of the South Jersey Blues Winnebago Club having been a past treasurer. He was also a member of the Frank B. Sayer VFW Post 1259 in Elmer.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife Eleanor, his daughter Penny

Sue Fox and her husband Ted, Jr., of Woodstown, his son William H. Roberts and his wife Irene of Ephrata, PA, five grandchildren, Sherri Strobel of Piles Grove, Ted Fox III of Charlotte, NC, Wayne and Billy Roberts and Tammy Stout all of PA, sixteen great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. Funeral Services will be held this Wednesday, September 17, 2008 at the Adams Funeral Home, 111 S. Main St., Elmer, NJ 08318. The viewing will begin at 10am with the service following at 11am Interment will take place at Chestnut Grove Cemetery in Elmer. In lieu of flowers the family has requested that donations be sent in Mr. Robert's memory to either the Elmer Ambulance Corp., P.O. Box 812, Elmer, NJ 08318 or the Elmer Fire Department, P.O. Box 459, Elmer, NJ 08318. [www.adamsfuneralhome.org](http://www.adamsfuneralhome.org)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dear Eleanor,  
Lillian just told me about Bill's passing in an e-mail. Ruth and I send our deepest condolences. We well remember the times we spent together here in Florida. Our best wishes for your continued good health.*

*All our love,*

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