

## Mr. Walter Collins Shipley

Mr. Walter Collins Shipley, 81, a longtime Damascus resident and more recently of Mount Airy, died Wednesday afternoon, July 15, 2009, at The Dove House, Westminster. He was the husband of Mrs. Patricia Felix Shipley, his wife of 59 years.

Born Dec. 15, 1927, in Damascus, he was the son of the late Walter Master and Lelia Eloise Hilton Shipley. He attended Damascus High School; and served in the United States Army.

Mr. Shipley was a brick and stone mason by trade. He was also a homebuilder and developer for many years.

He was a member of St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church, Damascus. Additionally, he was involved with the Post 171 Damascus American Legion for 61 years and Damascus Lions Club for 49 years; and long been active with AMVETS Post 2, and the Loyal Order of Moose 371, both of Frederick.



Surviving in addition to his wife are children, Judith A. Burdt of Mount Airy, Michael C. Shipley of Sykesville, Teresa F. Woodward of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Timothy L. Shipley, Joseph W. Shipley, and Trudy L. Hauptman, all of Mount Airy; 15 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren; as well as siblings, G. Virginia White, Samuel H. "Sam" Shipley, Connie S. Earp, Audrey J. Snyder, and Joyce E. Ferrel.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Ruby G. Brake.

Friends may call from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, July 17, at Molesworth-Williams Funeral Home, 2640 Ridge Road, Damascus. A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 18, from his church, St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church, 9250 Damascus Road, Damascus. The Rev. Peter J. Sweeney will offer prayers.

Interment will follow in St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery, Libertytown.