

# WILLIAM A. CROOKSHANK



Age 92, formerly of Moon Township, PA, passed away peacefully on July 3, 2024, and has gone Home to be reunited in eternity with wife, Vera, and son, Billy.

He was born on April 25, 1932, in Barnesboro, PA to the late Paul R. and Sara (Sally) Visnick (Whited) Crookshank.

Beloved husband of 60 ½ years to Vera (Miller) Crookshank before her passing on March 22, 2017;

and loving father of the deceased William A. Crookshank, Jr. (January 27, 2023); and surviving son, Daniel E. (Janice) Crookshank of Peters Township. Grandfather to Abigail, Andrey, and Zachary; brother to the late Clifford (Ruth) Crookshank of Penn Hills, Gilbert (Nancy) Crookshank of Lancaster, Lorraine (Matthew) Sherwin of New Jersey, Susie (Tom) Farrell of Georgia, Sandy (Dennis) Wolenski of South Carolina, and Sharon (John) Ciarolla of Irwin; uncle to many nephews and nieces and grandnephews and grandnieces.

His unwavering commitment to his immediate and extended family was # 1, which was followed closely by his tireless dedication and service to his country and fellow man. In the 1950s, He served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He then joined the active reserves and was honorably discharged on January 3, 1961. He was an aerospace avionics mechanic for U.S. Airways (formerly Mohawk and Allegheny Airlines) and retired in 1992 after 26 years of service.

He has been a member of Sharon Community Presbyterian Church in Moon Township since the 1970s and gave his time to the church as a deacon and usher.

During his retirement years, he was a very active member of the American Legion and other organizations, and held many leadership positions over the years, including: American Legion West Hills Post 924 Commander from 1992 through 2003; American Legion 36th District Commander from 2002 through 2004; American Legion Allegheny County Commander from 2007 to 2008, and again from 2013 to 2014; Commander of the Federation of War Veteran Societies in 2016. Other positions he proudly held for many years included Chairman of the National Cemeteries in Pennsylvania and Chairman of POW – MIAs for the Pennsylvania American Legion and Department of PA, respectively; Chaplain for the Allegheny County American Legion; Board of Directors member of Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall in Oakland; City of Pittsburgh Veterans Day Parade Marshall for the Allegheny County Committee.

In addition, he was a social member of VFW Coraopolis Post 402, and was one of the founders of the Potomac Lodge #1976 Retiree Club for the benefit of retiree Brothers and Sisters represented by the IAM (International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers), serving for several years as its Chairman. He also served for many years as Chairman of the annual Youth Achievement Dinner, held at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall, and as "Chef de Gare" of the 40/8 (Forty and Eight) Voiture # 5.

He will be deeply missed by his family and friends and all that were touched by his willingness to serve.

Visitation Friday (July 12, 2024), 6-8 PM at **COPELAND'S MOON TOWNSHIP**, 981 Brodhead Rd. Everyone please meet at Sharon Community Presbyterian Church on Saturday (July 13, 2024) for 10 AM service. Burial will follow at Sharon Church Cemetery with full military honors.

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