



Jay R. Houseal

August 30, 1927 - February 7, 2017

Jay R. Houseal, 89, of Maytown passed away on February 7, 2017. He was the husband of the late Fay A. Gainer Houseal who died in 1989. Born in Maytown on August 30, 1927, he was the son of the late Robert M., and Viola M. Arnold Houseal. He is survived by a son Tony J., (Alicia) Houseal, his grandchildren, Jessica M. and Nicholas J. Houseal both of Elizabethtown, and his two sisters; Patricia A. (Harold) Derr of Maytown and Peggy L. (James) Drohan of Mount Joy, and countless nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two sons, Michael in 1960 and Stephan J. in 2015.

Jay was a graduate of the former East Donegal Township High School, class of 1945. A proud veteran, he served in the US Navy during WWII. He was a member of the Maytown Church of God, and the Maytown American Legion, Post #809. Jay was employed as tax collector for East Donegal Township from 1974 until 2002 and was a past member of the PA State Tax Collectors Association and served as past president of the Lancaster County Tax Collectors Association. Jay greeted many customers in the former Houseal Store in Maytown which he managed and operated from 1965 until his retirement in January 2009.

Jay enjoyed going to the beach, hunting with his friends and watching football and NASCAR.

A funeral service honoring Jay's life will be held at the Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc., 16 East Main Street, Mount Joy on Friday, February 10, 2017 at 11 am. A viewing will be held on Thursday evening from 6 to 8 pm and again on Friday from 10 AM to 11 AM both at the Sheetz Funeral Home. Interment to follow in Maytown Union Cemetery, Maytown PA. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society, 314 Good Drive, Lancaster, PA 17603 would be deeply appreciated.

Tribute Wall

DW

“ Jay R. Houseal

David and Delores (Wagner) Walmer - February 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DR

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David and Cindy (Wagner) Rose - February 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RP

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Rick and Nancy Price - February 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MH

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Mandi Helmick - February 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MS

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Melissa Stokes and Anthony Stokes - February 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Tony and the extended family..
So many wonderful mrmories over at the Houseal store.

Melissa Stokes and Anthony Stokes - February 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RB

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Robin Burg - February 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RS

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Rachael Stigelman - February 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ So sorry to hear of Jay's passing. We have wonderful memories of Houseal's Store, and visiting with Jay whenever we went to the store.

Don and Marilyn Geib - February 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Jay was a wonderful kind witty man. He showed kindness to every person who walked in his store. He would talk to kids and make them feel important. Our Maytown legendary handsome man will be forever missed in all our hearts. Thankful to him for being our wonderful neighbor for so many year.

Danielle Gordner Warren & Family - February 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Jay R. Houseal

Rick and Sherry - February 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Jay was one of the best neighbors we ever had. We are so sorry to hear of his passing and know he will be greatly missed by many. We loved his sense of humor, friendliness, and hearing his many great stories. Jay will always be remembered very fondly by each in our family. May the Lord give you comfort and peace during this time.

Rick and Sherry Longenecker - February 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM