

Merritt Binns, 85

JAN. 26, 1922-JUNE 27, 2007

FANNETTSBURG, Pa. - Merritt Binns, 85, of Fannettsburg, died Wednesday, June 27, 2007, at Falling Spring Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Chambersburg, Pa.

Born Jan. 26, 1922, in Philadelphia, he was the son of the late Thomas and Anna Stockle Binns.

His wife, Carolyn Hanrahan Binns, died Aug. 2, 1998.

He retired from Pennsylvania State Police after 22 years of service.

He served as a paratrooper with the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II.

He was a former member and trustee of Lower Path Valley Presbyterian Church.

He was a member of Fraternal Order of Police, American Association of State Troopers, Orrstown Lodge 262 Free and Accepted Masons, Slumbering Groundhog Lodge of Quarryville, and Metal Township Fire and Ambulance Department. He served as a Republican Committee member in Metal Township.

He is survived by two daughters, Patricia Binns of Dataw Island, S.C., and Susan Tesar of Topsham, Maine; and two grandchildren, Bethany and Joseph Tesar.

He was preceded in death by two sisters and two brothers.

A memorial service will be Friday at 10 a.m. at Thomas L. Geisel Funeral Home in Chambersburg. The Rev. Robert L. Rhoads will officiate.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Metal Township Fire and Ambulance Department, 10862 Path Valley Road, Fannettsburg, PA 17221.
